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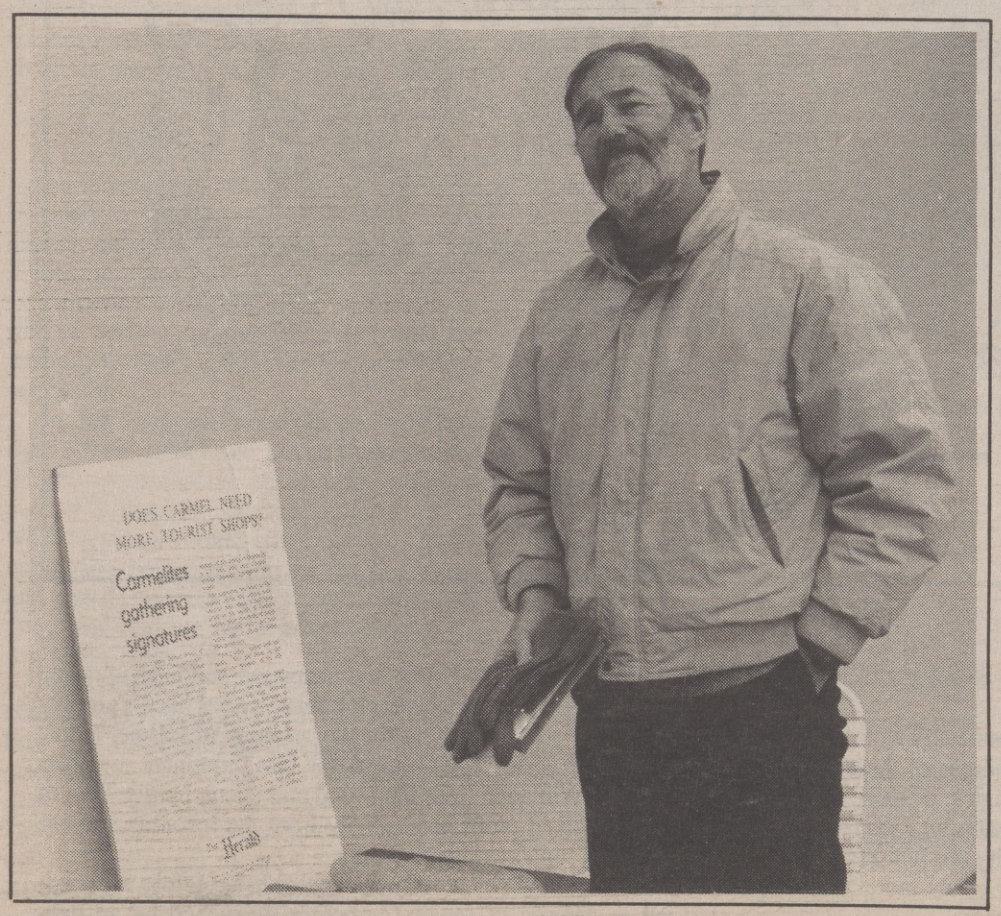

COLLECTING SIGNATURES at the Carmel Post Office was Al Eisner, backer of a campaign for an election to overturn Carmel's recently adopted commercial zoning ordinance. He turned in more than the 403 signatures required to City Clerk Jeanne Brehmer Friday. They must now be certified by county election officials. Brehmer said she could not say how many signatures there were.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Maradei Resigns

Zoning Fight Goes Back To Carmel City Council

By Isabelle Hall

With signatures on a petition turned in to City Hall in a bid for a special election to overturn Carmel's newly enacted commercial zoning ordinance, the long-running fight was back in the City Council's lap with a special election possible in May or June.

Meanwhile, David Maradei resigned as president of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA). Some insiders speculated it was so he could take part in the campaign which the group has not endorsed, but others said new officers were due to be chosen anyway this month.

Mayor Ken White pleaded, "I see our job really clear as Carmel mayor to keep personalities and names out of it." But he said he was saddened that the fight has overshadowed other more pressing city problems such as the budget.

"I didn't even get a honeymoon," said White who took office in May. "The budget is a far more pressing matter. People in the community are going to have to campaign for that ordinance.

"I'm not used to this kind of stuff," White said in an interview. "Nobody's talking. I don't know who it is behind this."

"Why are the people backing this unwilling to come forward so that we can dialogue with them about it?" asked Councilwoman Barbara Brooks. "It's very difficult to have a comment when the people backing this won't say who they are."

Al Eisner, leader of the petition drive to overturn the ordinance, filed a list of signatures at noon Friday with City Clerk Jeanne Brehmer who took them to the

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Region Gets Most Rain, River Runoff in Decade

By Stan Hall

With a strong Tuesday storm for punctuation, nine straight days of rain pelted the peninsula, saturating the ground, causing minor local flooding and mudslides and creating the strongest flow in the Carmel River in a decade as of Wednesday morning.

Meteorologist Robert Renard, noting that the nine-day period started on Jan. 5, predicted that unsettled weather would continue shower activity through Sunday. Some of the showers could be heavy, he said, with some areas receiving as much as an additional inch.

"There's been nothing like this since 1983 in terms of continuous rain," said Renard, Monterey's official weather observer and retired head of the meteorology department at the Navy Post Graduate School.

Early Wednesday morning, a muddy area perhaps a mile long in the blue of the ocean near the mouth of the Carmel River and nearby San Jose Creek reflected the increased runoff in the river as a result of the heavy precipitation. Rain was continuing to fall Wednesday as the *Sun* went to press.

Graham Matthews, weather observer in Carmel Valley Village, reported he recorded 2.10 inches of rain in the 24 hours beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the heaviest storm to strike the area.

It uprooted trees, downed limbs and caused spotty power outages. In Carmel, one falling tree hit the rear end of a passing car and destroyed it, but the two passengers were unhurt. A peak wind gust of 42 miles an hour was recorded in Monterey at 2:25 a.m. Wednesday.

Small rock slides near Scarlett Road briefly closed Carmel Valley Road Jan. 7, and isolated, falling rocks were evident on area roads throughout the period. Art Black of the Carmel Fire Department reported few problems from flooding, but said three calls were received Tuesday night because of falling wires.

Renard said he received 1.29 inches of rain from Tuesday's storm. A gauge located on Yankee Point south of Carmel recorded 1.72 from that storm, bringing to 6.58 inches its total for the nine day period.

Matthews said he recorded 4.50 inches in that same period, bringing his total for the rain year which began July 1 to 10.54. Average for Jan. 13, Matthews said, is 7.32 in the Village.

Darby Fuerst, water resources manager for the water management district, said the peak flow was measured in the Carmel River at a gauge at Robles Del Rio about 8 a.m. Wednesday, rising four feet from the day before. He estimated the flow, if it were maintained at the same rate for 24 hours, was equal to about 9,600 acre feet of water a day.

"That means that in one day, we would get about the equivalent (runoff) of what we received in each of three drought years, '88, '89 and '90," he said.

"This is the most water we have had in the river since 1983," he added. The 1982-1983 rain year is the wettest in local weather records, coinciding with a strong El Nino which brought warm sea and air temperatures to the area. In that year, 36.16 inches of rain were recorded in Carmel

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Village Affair Is Monday Night

Monday night's fourth annual Village Affair at Los Laureles Lodge will introduce improvements in the physical facilities—the use of two tents to give guests more elbow room and help keep them warm during the fundraiser for the Carmel Valley Village pathways.

In a heated 3,200-square foot tent, hors d'oeuvres and wines will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. A second smaller tent nearby will provide seating for entertainment by Singing Sheriff Pat Duval and then the live auction conducted by David Armanasco.

Tickets are $25 and are on sale at businesses in the Village or at the door. Sponsored by the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC), the Village affair raises money to build pathways and carry out beautification projects. In its three years to date, the Village Affair has raised almost $100,000.

See the photostory on pages 10 and 11 for the role Village restaurants play in the event's success.

Residents Endorse Larger Role for Carmel Post Office

By Stan Hall

Boos greeted a suggestion by a planning commissioner Monday night that maybe Carmel residents should relent and accept home mail delivery rather than try to make the city's post office even more of a social focal point than it already is.

The chorus of Bronx cheers directed at commissioner Brian Congleton was good natured. But it clearly reflected the audience's preference for proposals to make the present post office—or even a replacement—more of a meeting place for the city's residents when they go to pick up their mail from their boxes.

The idea of closing all or part of 5th Avenue in front of the present post office to create "a town square or commons—an outdoor social nexus"—was discussed at Mayor Ken White's second town hall meeting in the basement of Sunset Center. An estimated 60 residents were on hand.

Neal Kruse, chairman of the city's 2016 Committee which first developed the idea, outlined two proposals for creating a landscaped area complete with a gazebo or seating areas in the street in front of the post office. One called for closing the street completely to cars and the other for leaving just a single narrow lane.

In the mile-square city that still resists putting street numbers on houses and spurns the idea of having mail delivered house-to-house, the daily trip to the post office is a tradition that many people cherish for the chance it provides them to meet and visit with their friends.

Calling the social interaction that takes place there now "a fascinating social phenomena," Kruse said the proposals were simply concepts for creating a place "where people may gather more than they do now." He said it would be nice if people would use the proposed area to have a cup of coffee, read the paper or discuss city politics.

White suggested that the city would appoint a task force, as recommended by the 2016 Committee, to explore more thoroughly ideas for what proponents called "a post office plaza." It would be patterned after the task force that created the city's beach walk.

Members of the audience found some flaws in the two options Kruse outlined and suggested some changes, but it seemed that most of those in the audience favored at least the concept.

The 2016 Committee was created in 1991 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Carmel's incorporation with the idea that it would provide a vision for what the city wanted to be like in 2016 when it is 100 years old. Kruse said "the post office plaza was the No. 1 project that the committee listed."

Congleton elicited boos when he raised one of the few critical questions about the

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LETTERS

Taking Care of Man's Best Friend

Early on Christmas morning, my husband, David, and I and our two dogs, Lobo and Shiloh, drove to Garland Park for a holiday dose of exercise and fresh air. I wasn't prepared for what we were about to see. The minute we approached the entrance, my heart fell, and I knew that it would be a sad Christmas morning for another family. We turned into the parking lot and David ran back to the road to pick up the limp, lifeless body of the Golden Retriever that lay stretched across Carmel Valley Road. David checked for a pulse, some sign of life and then a collar. Maui was dead. I memorized the phone number and hurried to the phone booth at the park's Interpretation Center.

There was no easy way to tell someone that their loyal family companion would not come home this time. The degree of guilt and pain they would feel would equal the depth of their attachment to this family member. I could only imagine how devastated I would have been and how I would have tortured myself with the thought of Lobo or Shiloh whimpering helplessly on a lonely road through the long, dark night of death. A woman answered the phone and I told her the sad news about Maui and where and when we found him. She repeated his name in shock and disbelief. I told her how sorry I was, and we hung up .

Finding Maui reminded me of how man's best friend depends on us for his safety and well being at all times. It's even more critical during the holidays for our dogs to have a properly fenced yard or a secure pen area when they are not at our sides. The coming and going of relatives and seldom seen friends combined with the frantic pace, loss of routine and lack of time for the usual attention, makes our pets so much more vulnerable. If Fido or Ginger happen to accidentally or cleverly get out for a solo excursion about town they should be wearing a good leather or nylon collar (no chokers please) attached to an I.D. tag with their full name, your current area code, telephone number and/or address. You might get lucky and be reunited with your pet alive and well.

Linda B. Mullally
Carmel Valley

People Value Their Individual Rights

It will come as no surprise to me if Al Eisner is able to gather the necessary signatures to put the rezoning of the commercial district on the ballot. In Carmel it is not hard to find 500 to 600 people who are against everything.

I am reminded of a survey taken a few months back where the question was asked, "Should muffins be sold in a cookie shop?" Five hundred people answered "N0". I was telling a friend of mine that I was astounded by the result of the survey when he reminded me that if the question had been, "Should COOKIES be sold in a cookie shop", the result would have been the same.

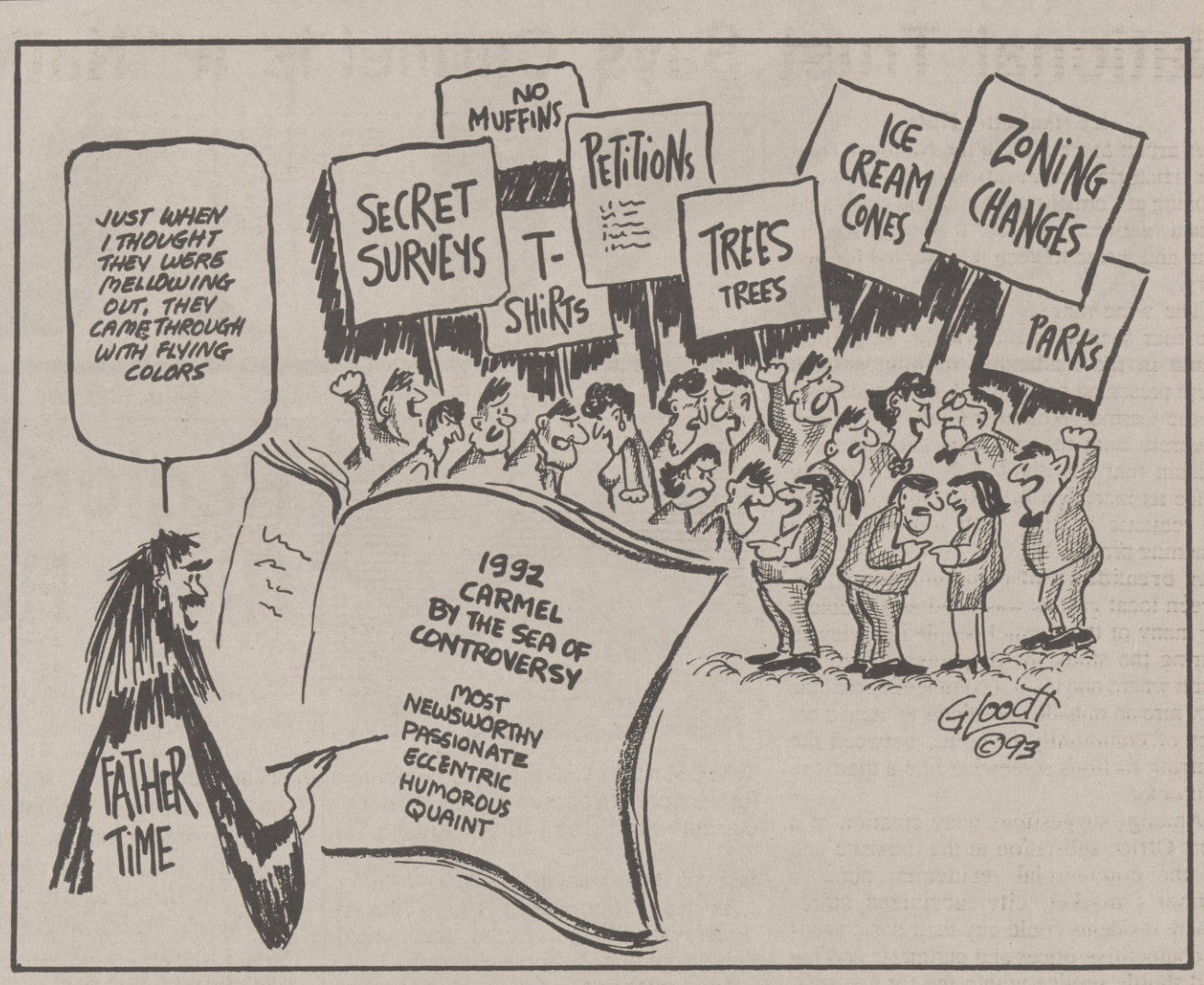
Mr. Eisner will get 400 people to sign his petition, and we will have a special election. However, I am almost certain he will be defeated at the polls. The reason is simple. The vast majority of people in this town are tired of government and individuals regulating their lives. With each regulation, personal freedoms and personal property rights are taken from the citizens of Carmel. We only have to look at the farce regarding the tree and the house to see how far some individuals will go to restrict our rights while having no regards for our safety.

It seems to me that when you start restricting peoples rights and property you better be damn certain that what you are doing will benefit the greater good. And if you error, you better error in favor of the individual!

The quality of life in Carmel will not change one iota if those 17 commercial properties are changed to CC from SC. They were classified CC for decades before they were downzoned in 1984.

The people of Carmel are generally not fooled by the rhetoric that comes from the mouths of those who want to save us, at the expense of our rights, or those who are constantly predicting our demise. That is why the FAR ordinance was defeated at the ballot and why this new petition will also be defeated. People value their rights more than they fear muffins being sold in a cookie shop.

Chris Tescher
Carmel



Lucky to Have Mid Valley Volunteers

I am writing this letter to express my personal gratitude to all of the members of the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Department and the support paramedics and EMTs. Their efficiency has been constantly reassuring to me since their foundation in the early 1970s.

We as a community generally do not realize how fortunate we are to have these people in our midst. I personally have had to call upon their services on more than one occasion. Their promptness, caring and professionalism, individually and as a group, have instilled in me a strong sense of security.

This strong sense of security is bolstered by the fact that MCVFD has one of the shortest response times in the county. Just the other day, I called 911 from my workplace for an injured person, and MCVFD had a full crew there in under two minutes. Is that not remarkable? Especially considering that many of these people are volunteers and have jobs elsewhere that must be left in order to respond to the station and then to the call.

MCVFD also does many things to benefit our community such as CPR classes, youth emergency system education—starting at the pre-school level—and fund raising for various local charitable organizations. Another event, their annual Great Balls of Fire street dance during the summer, brings together people of all ages in a big celebration.

Once again, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to a team of people who make Mid Carmel Valley an enjoyable and safe place to live. We are very fortunate.

Lorraine Tarantino-Arredondo
Carmel Valley

Questions Sun's Reporting

The lead story in the Jan. 7 edition of the *Sun* that charged a political opponent of Alan Williams with "malicious attacks" was an excellent example of irresponsible and unprofessional journalism. It should be used in every journalism class to teach young reporters how to write slanted articles, distort facts and slander citizens while pretending to "just report the news."

Alan Williams is the spokesman for the so called Carmel Citizens for Good Government, a small group of landlords, developers, and their agents.

At the Jan. 5 City Council meeting, Mr. Williams used an anonymous letter and hearsay reports to malign Albert Eisner, who has spearheaded the petition campaign to overturn the rezoning of the commercial district. Mr. Williams and his clients have sought rezoning and the expansion of the commercial districts for the past two years. This rezoning would allow landlords to displace shops serving local residents with more tourist shops.

Those of us who know the CCGG observed that this was a tactic they have utilized before. Williams, a contractor and developer, built the Leidig and Eastwood buildings knowing they were in the resident serving zone. He has been a primary source of energy pushing for the rezoning of Carmel tourist uses. The small CCGG board has two prominent members besides Williams: Clint Eastwood and Glenn Leidig, both of whom would profit handsomely from the rezoning and use changes supported by Williams.

To assume a righteously indignant stance before the council in defense of senior Carmelites threatened by an individual seeking signatures on a referendum was merely posturing in the hopes to discredit his adversary, Albert Eisner. He must have known that his story would be picked up by a local weekly. While pretending to "talk issues," CCGG spokesman Williams launched a demeaning personal attack on Mr. Eisner.

It is pertinent to note that neither the *Herald* nor the *Pine Cone* printed anything at all about the alleged "malicious attacks" on little old ladies. They both followed a basic tenet of journalism— anonymous letters have no credence at all.

Further in the article the assertion is made that the Carmel Residents Association board is "divided" on the issue of rezoning. Your really ought to check your facts. The CRA Board has made a decision to wait until the petition signatures are verified before they discuss the position they will take on referendum. To imply anything else is a disservice to your readers.

It is a true loss to our community that your reporting is so misinformed and biased. Our local *Pine Cone* has been rendered irrelevant by its biased reporting and editorials. It is a shame that the *Sun* has chosen to follow along that same path.

D.R. Maradei
Carmel

You've got it dead wrong. The Sun never charged Eisner with "malicious attacks"—but it did report, and properly so, that Williams leveled that accusation in an open public meeting. This is a far cry from writing a story based just on an anonymous letter. The story was based mainly on comments by Williams, who also was properly identified in the story as a spokesman for CCGG and an associate of Clint Eastwood. Further, the Sun gave Eisner a chance to respond to Williams' charges, since he did not attend the council meeting, but he declined.—The Ed.

City's Future Worth the Cost

Many thanks to the several hundred Carmel residents who took time from their busy holiday schedules to consider, discuss and sign the petition to return to the City Council its recent ordinance extending the central commercial zoning.

Hopefully, the council will rescind its action and appoint a representative committee to review the 1988 Revised General Plan which so firmly upholds the Carmel credo that the residential character of the city be preserved and protected.

If the council is unable to agree, even under the persuasive skills of Mayor Kennedy White, and if the signatures are firm, the voters of Carmel shall have the responsibility to determine the future direction of the city through the means of a special election. While the cost is prohibitive in face of recent cutbacks, the need to determine whether or not this decision of the council truly reflects the vision of the voters is even more important.

Marjorie Montelius
Carmel

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National Trust Says Carmel Is a "National Treasure"

By Isabelle Hall

A group of trainees in the National Trust for Historic Preservation spent a week looking at Carmel-by-the-Sea and concluded it is a "national treasure" that needs leadership and vision to keep it preserved for history.

The wide-ranging recommendations of the four separate teams of the 32 participants in the leadership training session were presented orally Sunday at a reception at the Carmel Woman's Club. They dealt squarely with the residents versus tourist schism that has divided the city virtually since its inception in 1916, citing, "A lack of realistic dealing with tourism in the planning process."

A breakdown of communications between local groups was cited as a problem by many of the Carmel people interviewed during the study, participants said, to the point where one team recommended that the city hire an outside consultant to hold a series of community meetings between the warring factions somewhat like a marriage counselor.

Among suggestions were creation of a Post Office substation at the opposite end of the commercial residential zone, a farmer's market, city-subsidized stores where residents could buy their basic needs at competitive prices and perimeter parking and shuttle service with a fee for non-residents and parking for residents only in the residential areas.

"You need to take a look at your General Plan and your 2016 plan and decide how you want tourism to interact with the community. Until then, it is impossible to deal with parking and other problems. Historic preservation can be one of the fires that helps Carmel to grow," said Richard Patenaude of Palm Springs, listing the conclusions of his team. "But none of these recommendations will take place like magic."

He said historic preservation brings rehabilitation which leads to more construction and retail jobs. "It will bring more resident serving businesses, and that's one thing we feel you really want in your downtown."

MAYOR KEN WHITE made members of the National Trust for Historic Preservation all honorary members of the Carmel Fire Department after a presentation at the Woman's Club Sunday. He said it was so they could help him "put out the fires." *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

As Rob Hanford of Chico put it, "Preservation's got to be economical. You've got to make some money."

But without strong leadership, Patenaude said, "Your City Council, Planning Commission and staff don't have any idea how to handle these problems. You need a city government truly representative of one vision."

The group said it took a cursory look at Carmel's zoning ordinance and concluded the city had made "some very great steps in policies to protect the village" but that "strong leadership" was needed to "educate the residents on what's expected to keep the community the way you want to keep it."

Kathryn Burns, director of the Western Regional Office of the National Trust, said the trainees talked to Neil Kruse, chairman of the 2016 Committee; Mayor Ken White; Councilwoman Barbara Brooks; Planning Director Brian Roseth; David Maradei, president of the Carmel Residents Association; Toni Jepson, executive director of the Carmel Business Association; Gary Luce, head of the Carmel Innkeepers Association and Noel Van Bibber, president of the Northeast Carmel Neighbors Association. Also, Kay Prine, president of Carmel Heritage; Bruce Kibby, chairman of the Architectural Preservation Committee; Judy McClelland, associate planner for Pacific Grove; Enid Sales, head of the Carmel Architectural and Historical Survey; Brian Congleton, vice chairman of the Planning Commission; and Kent Seavy, an architectural historian and preservation consultant, of Pacific Grove.

She said they did not talk to members of the Voice of Carmel, Carmel Citizens for Good Government, the Carmel Foundation, Friends of Sunset Center or Friends of Carmel Forest.

Stressing that all of the proposals were suggested over a long term basis, members of the group said:

- No serious action plans for preservation can take place until the "city leadership exhibits a unified vision combining the

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Planning Takes Sharp Drop

The number of applications made for various permits at the Carmel Planning Department dropped by one-third in 1992, officials reported.

A total of 208 applications were filed in 1992, compared with 293 in 1991 and 347 in 1990.

The bulk of the applications, 65, were for signs. There were 54 requests for use permits, 25 for design review of proposed residential construction, 24 for commercial design review and 19 for design study.

Waxer to the Ex-Com

Architect's Election Raises Some Sierra Club Eyebrows

Michael Waxer, an architect and vice president of Carmel Development Co., is one of three new members elected to the executive committee of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, raising the eyebrows of at least a few members.

"I was kind of surprised," Waxer said of his election from a field of six candidates. "I have this attitude that we should try to work together to protect the environment, not always approach it as 'us versus them.' I thought my view was probably different than most of the membership."

Waxer was elected to the 10-member committee along with Harriet Mitteldorf of Pebble Beach and David Epel, a biologist and associate director of the Hopkins Marine Station. Others seeking election were Carol Pender, who works at the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories; Paola Berthoin of Carmel Valley, a professional baker; and Don Gruber of Pacific Grove, a self-employed photographer.

Unconfirmed reports said that David Dilworth, a chapter member from Carmel, had challenged Waxer's election at least to the extent of asking for a recount. Asked about the report, Dilworth declined to discuss it.

"That is an internal matter, and I can't talk about it," he said. The Ventana Chapter, which mainly encompasses Monterey and Santa Cruz County, typically does not publicly release vote totals in its elections.

But even before the mail-ballot vote, Dilworth had told the *Sun* that he thought Waxer's campaign statement was misleading and perhaps unethical because it did not say Waxer was associated with Carmel Development Co.

Dilworth reiterated that criticism Monday when asked about Waxer's election. "I think it is unethical for a candidate for Sierra Club office to hide from, or not clearly disclose, to the voting members and the nominating committee any possible perception of a significant conflict with environmental interests."

Carmel Development Co. directed the renovation of Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch and is working on the actor/director's proposed development of Canada Woods near Valley Hills Shopping Center which would include a 44-lot subdivision and a service center.

Noting the Canada Woods proposal, Dilworth said that Waxer's campaign statement failed to mention his position with either Carmel Development or the planned subdivision.

"In spite of my finding Michael Waxer to be a likeable fellow, I am not alone in finding that lack of disclosure unethical. It makes me wonder if we would have had different results in a very close election," Dilworth said.

In his campaign statement, Waxer identified himself as an architect, a member of the American Institute of Architects and vice president of a "local design/build company. I turn peoples' dreams into reality by integrating the build environment with the natural environment in a sensitive way."

Waxer, who joined the Sierra Club originally while attending MIT, said he had become active in the Ventana Chapter only in the past two years or so.

In his campaign statement and his comments to the *Sun*, he said he ran for the executive committee position in part because he felt the local chapter was "becoming a negative group."

"I've seen our local chapter being perceived as 'extremist' which will ultimately erode our credibility and the ability we have to make a difference," Waxer wrote in his campaign statement.

"The anachronistic philosophy of 'us' versus 'them' needs to make way for environmental education and a desire to work together," Waxer added. "There are some instances where we need to focus all our resources against a damaging proposal, but in the vast majority of cases, my experience has indicated that there is a willingness to 'do things right'—i.e., to be sensitive to the environment..."

Dilworth said he was not alone in questioning Waxer's campaign statement. He said he only raised it as an issue after two other chapter members discussed it with him.

Third Beach Cleanup Planned

The Carmel Residents Association (CRA) will hold its third cleanup of Carmel Beach Jan. 30. Interested persons can meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Village Corner, if they desire, prior to the cleanup work which will start at 10 a.m., a spokesman said.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Middle Canyon complained she was bitten on the buttock by a large dog that was running loose. Animal control officers were notified. 1/1.

VILLAGE./ A man complained that someone shot his cat while it was sitting in his driveway on Boronda Road between 6 and 7:30 in the evening. 1/1.

CARMEL. A man said someone broke into his home on Valley Way some time between 12/19 and 1/1, but nothing was taken. 1/1.

Car Burglarized

SOUTH COAST. A Carmel Highlands woman said her car was broken into while parked on Highway 1 near Bay School. 1/1.

CACHAGUA. An anonymous caller complained someone was firing off a large caliber weapon near Search Ranch off Tassajara Road. 1/1.

VALLEY. A Seaside man reported he was assaulted by two men who pointed a gun at him when he met them at Mid Valley Shopping Center to interview for a job. A deputy's report said it turned out the two were working for a bail bondsman who erroneously concluded the man had forfeited his bail. 1/2.

VALLEY. A Village woman reported her car was burglarized while parked at Garland Park. Her purse, containing $110, was taken. It later was found in Del Rey Oaks. 1/2.

VILLAGE. An employee at Grapevine Liquors reported hearing footsteps on the roof of the building; nothing was found. 1/2.

CACHAGUA. A woman who lives on Nason Road complained juveniles were setting off fireworks; nothing was found. 1/2.

License Plate Taken

VILLAGE. A Fresno man reported someone stole the license plate off his pickup while it was parked at Valley Lodge over night. 1/2.

VALLEY. A Monterey man reported the theft of the license plate from his 1991 Geo, possibly at Rancho Canada where he first noticed it missing. 1/3.

SOUTH COAST. A Carmel Highlands woman said her car was burglarized while parked near Point Lobos. Taken was her credit card which Carmel police allege was used by three Seaside youths to purchase unauthorized items. The trio was subsequently arrested by Carmel officers. 1/3.

VALLEY. A Carmel Valley man was stopped at Carmel Valley Road and Rancho Fiesta and held for the CHP for DUI. 1/3.

CARMEL RANCHO. Thunderbird Bookstore reported the theft of $73.60 by a woman. Employees recovered the books, but the woman drove away in a blue Cutlass Supreme. 1/4.

Chicken Coop Set Afire

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Scarlett Road reported her chicken coop was on fire. Deputies discovered it was set ablaze by juveniles, who were cited. They used potassium nitrate and sugar to ignite the fire, a deputy said. 1/4.

CARMEL RANCHO. An employee at the Social Security office said a man was creating a scene with his complaints. A deputy talked to him and said he seemed perfectly rational. 1/5.

CARMEL RANCHO. An alarm company reported a silent alarm went off at the Hudson Company in the Barnyard. Investigators found a smashed front window, but no entry appeared to have been made. 1/6.

CARMEL. The CHP reported finding as yellow duffel bag off of Highway 1 in front of Carmel High. It contained a man's shaving kit and clothing, but the owner could not be determined. 1/6.

Office Burglaries Reported

CARMEL RANCHO. Two men reported burglaries at their adjoining offices on Carmel Rancho Boulevard. Taken was a boom-box, CD and dictation machine. They said the loot was carried away in a black leather sports bag which the thieves also stole. 1/6.

CARMEL RANCHO. A cook at the Sherlock Holmes Pub and Restaurant in the Barnyard reported a broken window. Investigation revealed the office had been entered in an apparent attempt to get into the safe. A deputy said the thieves did take T-shirts bearing the restaurant's logo. 1/6.

CARMEL RANCHO. A woman reported someone entered an office on Carmel Rancho Boulevard and took the petty cash. No specific amount was reported. 1/6.

CARMEL. A woman reported an attempted burglary at her home on Edgefield Place which she apparently thwarted when she returned home and scared the would-be thieves away. 1/6.

Embezzlement Reported

BIG SUR. The comptroller at Post Ranch reported a former bookkeeper embezzled an estimated $25,000 from the resort. 1/6.

SOUTH COAST. A Davenport man wrote in with a report of the theft of hand tools from his property in Bixby Canyon. He said he believed the theft occurred 11/7-8. 1/6.

CARMEL. A housekeeper reported the theft of silverware from a home on Cuesta Way. 1/7.

RIO ROAD. A Village man reported losing his brown wallet containing about $50 in cash, credit cards and identification in the Crossroads parking lot near Longs Drugs. 1/7.

Village Home Vandalized

VILLAGE. A man reported his home on Southbank was entered by someone who came in a rear window and vandalized it. Nothing was taken, but damage was estimated at $2,000-$5,000. Deputies said they had no suspects. 1/7.

RIO ROAD. A night clerk at Mission reported a man sneaked in the front door while she was busy and left by a side door, leaving it ajar. She said she suspected he might have been planning to return later. 1/7.

VILLAGE. Murphy Lumber reported a man using the name "Thom Jennings" had charged some $400 worth of supplies to a landscaping company, only the company said the man did not work there. 1/8.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS. A Monterey man said someone stole the telephone from his car while it was parked on Spindrift Road. He set the loss at $100. 1/8.

$1,200 TV Taken

CARMEL HIGHLANDS. Highlands Inn reported a TV worth $1,200 was taken from one of its rooms. 1/9.

VILLAGE. A man complained a pipe bomb destroyed his mail box on Boronda Road. A deputy said it had been made using PVC pipe and match heads. 1/10.

VALLEY. A man who lives on Robinson Canyon Road reported $3,000 worth of diving equipment had been taken from a garage on Oakshire Drive at Carmel Valley Ranch during the past month. 1/10.

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WORKMEN INSTALL a stoplight at Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road. It is expected to become operational in about a month after Caltrans times it and ties it into its computer system. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

After Two Years

Missing Nun's Car Found in Big Sur

By Carolyn Rice

A Monterey County sheriff's deputy said questions about a missing nun and her car which plunged over a 600 foot Big Sur cliff may never be answered.

The car and Sister Marguerite McMonagle's purse were found Saturday by the sheriff's rescue team, but no trace was found of her. The vehicle, registered to the Sacred Heart Convent in Atherton, was partly covered by sand in the ocean near the Little Sur River

McMonagle, 68, a nun at the convent, and the car had been missing since Nov. 6, 1990. McMonagle had left a vague note to her superior, according to Lt. Steve Chaput of the Atherton Police Department. He said she wrote in it she was going to Big Sur, saying she "was tired and couldn't live this way anymore."

At that time, Atherton Police sent bulletins to Monterey and Santa Cruz counties about McMonagle's disappearance and is keeping the case open, Chaput said. Asked whether he thought McMonagle committed suicide or staged the appearance of her death, Chaput said, "We can't rule out anything at this point." He said after receiving Montery County's report, he will decide whether to close the case.

Lt. Fred Wilson of the Monterey County Sheriff's Department said the nun's purse was found on the hillside near the vehicle. "It was pretty well rotted. It obviously had been out in the weather," he said. Its condition indicated it had been on the cliff for two years, he said.

The top of the car apparently was sheared off in the original accident two years ago, Wilson said. No brush disturbance on the hill or marks on the highway indicated any recent accident, he noted. A resident of the area heard the sound of metal on rocks last Thursday but didn't report it because she didn't see any vehicle, Wilson said. The vehicle was sighted on Saturday and the sheriff's rescue team investigated.

Wilson speculated recent wet weather created unstable conditions on the hill, and the car which had originally rested on the it dislodged and fell to the ocean. He said the rescue team located a spot on the cliff where it may have been lodged.

The team also found three other cars on the steep cliff, Wilson said. The cars are visible only from the air or possibly from the ocean, he said. The CHP had no record of them being missing, but is running license plates checks on them. The coast has "a whole bunch of cars" on cliffs, Wilson said. People seeing cars may not report them, assuming they have been there for a time, he said.

Wilson said seatbelts in McMonagle's vehicle were not fastened, suggesting she may have been thrown into the water at the time of the wreck more than two years ago or just a few days ago.

He speculated the wreck could have been either accidental or deliberate and did lead to McMonagle's death. He said the sheriff's department plans no further investigation. "I doubt seriously she was the type of individual who would stage the appearance of her death," he said.

A CARMEL VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT spokesman said the driver of the van pictured above was transported to Community Hospital after the van and another car collided at the Carmel Valley Road and Los Laureles Grade intersection about 1:12 p.m. on Friday. The spokesman said the man did not appear to be seriously injured. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

Vote Planned in June

Heuer Will Campaign against Desal Project Approval

By Stan Hall

With the grand jury's criticism heavy in the air, directors of the water management district got ready Monday to ask citizens to approve a desalination plant on Monterey Bay although their senior member said he would actively oppose it.

"I will urge a no vote," Dick Heuer of Carmel Valley said during a board study session to provide the district's staff direction on how to proceed with the vote on June 8.

The key remaining step is to get the city councils of Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside, Sand City and Del Rey Oaks to agree to be included in the water district's so-called improvement zone No. 5 by March 1.

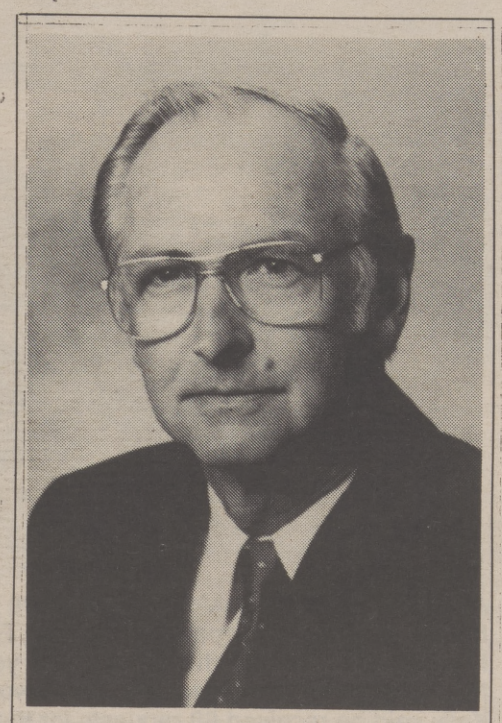
Any city opting out would not receive any additional water from the desal plant, although its residents still would have to pay higher user fees, reflecting the "drought protect" existing user would get because of it.

The proposed zone would cover the most heavily populated areas within the water management district's boundaries. Despite his personal opposition, Heuer said he would urge all cities to agree to be included so that their citizens could vote on the project and expressed confidence all would go along. As a general rule, anyone who pays water bills to Cal-Am, Water West or Seaside would be inside the zone boundaries.

After the meeting, Heuer, as he has before, said he would oppose desal's approval in June because he felt the district's first priority should be a new dam.

"I expect I will actively campaign against it," Heuer told the *Sun*. "If this vote is successful, I'm confident it will kill what I've worked for for nearly 10 years"—a new dam on the Carmel River.

As he has before, Heuer argued that approval and construction of a desal plant, which would provide 1,500-acre-feet of water a year for new growth and intensified use, would leave residents no reason to approve around $100 million for a new Los Padres dam. Water from the desal project will meet the demands from additional growth that will be permitted on the peninsula, but it will not provide the environmental benefits that a dam will, he said.



DICK HEUER

Chairman Dale Hekhuis and director Ken Long, who will succeed Hekhuis at the board's Jan. 28 meeting, in particular, challenged Heuer's opposition. They often cited the grand jury's recent criticism that the water district hasn't provided any new supplies in its 12 years of existence and recommendation that if it doesn't do so soon, it should be abolished.

Heuer argued that the district should know by 1994 whether it has a chance to win approval for a new day. "It's premature to make a choice between the two projects," he said.

"It's premature to say that we'll know about the dam in 1994," Long countered.

Noting that the district never had put a specific project before the voters for their approval before, Hekhuis said, "The grand jury report made it very clear that we need to do something to show people that we're able to produce a new project."

"It's not enough just do do something," Heuer said, "we need to do the right thing."

Mayor David Pendergrass of Del Rey Oaks, an appointed member of the board, sided with Long and Hekhuis. "The district has got to get off the dime," he said. "The public which lives here can't go on with moratoriums and more moratoriums." He referred to the water district's building moratorium which is beginning in its third year.

"We need to make sure this is a place to work, not just retire," Pendergrass said.

General Manager Jim Cofer said the district hoped to have selected a contractor for the desal plant in Seaside by the time the vote is held and "have real cost data for the public to see." He suggested the project will come in under $30 million, and Andy Bell, the district's engineering manager, agreed with him.

Bell said the district had been very conservative in its cost estimates and also included contingencies which would likely not be a part of the final contract.

Cofer said whether the plant would be privately financed or financed with public bonds still had not been determined, but he suggested bond financing would prove to be cheapest.

Officials from the water district are scheduled to visit each of the six city councils within the next month to explain the need to form improvement zone 5. While the cities have the option of agreeing to go along with it or not, the unincorporated parts of Monterey County which lie within the proposed boundaries can be included solely on a vote of the district's directors, Counsel David Laredo said.

Good Egg Awards Set for Jan. 30

The Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its 38th annual installation of officers and the 39th annual Good Egg Awards at Rancho Canada Jan. 30.

The chamber, which was founded in 1953, also will celebrate its 40th anniversary. The Good Eggs are given to citizens whom the group feels have contributed to the betterment of the community over the past year.

Dr. Robert Infelise, former superintendent of the Carmel Unified School District, will be installed as president for a second term. Reservations are required for the $25 per person tickets. Call 659-4000.

San Carlos Seeks Lot Line Adjustments

Rancho San Carlos has applied for a lot line adjustment so that three parcels on its acreage would be within one land use plan.

Monterey county planner Linda Weiland said the lots have two or, in one case, three land use plans governing their use. The request for their adjustment is scheduled before the county's minor subdivision committee at 9:05 a.m. Thursday. The three existing lots of record contain 62, 1,952 and 330 acres.

The resulting parcels would contain 488, 68 and 1,088 acres, Weiland said, and each would be entirely contained within one planning area. The lots now are governed by various land use plans including the Carmel Valley Master Plan, Carmel Area Land Use of the Coastal Zone and Greater Monterey Peninsula.

Weiland said the lot line adjustment would not create any new lots or possibilities for increased development.

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More Bus Parking Could Boost Carmel's Stores, Town Hall Told

Representatives of two bus companies suggested Monday night their patrons would like to spend more time shopping on their visits to Carmel if more bus parking could be found.

Michael D. Kirchanski of Gray Line tours in San Francisco and Sandra Allen of Royal Coach charter service of San Jose appeared at a town hall meeting in Sunset Center.

Kirchanski said his tour typically schedules an hour stop in Carmel, while Allen said her company's charter trips generally schedule a three or four hour stay.

Both said shopping is one of the principal attractions in Carmel. The Gray Line representative said the one-hour limit in the seven bus spaces east of Carmel Plaza on Junipero Street is not as serious a problem for its drivers because of its shorter stays.

But Allen said, "The hour limit is tough on our drivers, and people want to stay longer."

In response to a question by Alan Williams, chairman of the city's Ad Hoc Parking Committee, both said they believed that bus visitors would like to spend half a day or even longer shopping if adequate parking could be found for the buses.

"If we had more (parking) flexibility, we might restructure our tour to spend more time in Carmel," Kirchanski said.

In addition to the hour limit on the spaces on Junipero, they said drivers found it difficult to find places to park outside the city when they dropped off passengers for longer stays. When the buses try to park in lots at the Crossroads or Carmel Rancho, they said they were often asked to move.

Williams said from 20 to 35 buses visit Carmel each day during the peak summer season, and Police Chief Jack McGilvray said his officers generally enforce the hour limit only during the peak season.

Some residents objected to the buses parking in residential areas, and many more expressed concern that many drivers left their diesel engines running while parked. McGilvray said his officers did try to enforce an ordinance against leaving the engine running while parked, noting it carried a $35 fine.

Both officials said their firms also ordered drivers not to leave their engines running when parked for more than five minutes, but said old habits were hard to break.

Kirchanski said Gray Line patrons, who will pay $55 for a one-day tour from San Francisco this year, also had expressed disappointment they were unable to go to Carmel Beach.

Allen said 75 percent of the customers for the chartered tours her company runs have been to Carmel before. Asked why they come back, she said, "Mostly for shopping."

ABOUT 250 CHRISTMAS TREES were turned in last week for recycling by the Forest and Beach Department. Karen Ferlito, president of Friends of Carmel Forest, which began the project two years ago, helped with the work. The Northeast Neighbors Association also worked on the project. City Forester Gary Kelly said he received 68 requests for the chipped tree material.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Zoning Goes Back to Council

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County Board of Elections in Salinas for ratification. She said there were more than the 403 required. Asked to comment on the number of signatures, Eisner said, "I'll send you a copy of a press release."

When the *Sun* called Eisner Tuesday asking about the press release, he said, "I'm not going to give it you." Asked why, he said , "Because you did such a hatchet job on me in the last edition," and hung up. He referred to the reporting of complaints made against him at the regular City Council meeting by Alan Williams for the way he conducted the petition drive with attacks on White, former Mayor Clint Eastwood and former Planning Commissioner Carla Ramsey. Williams said Eisner had alarmed some senior residents.

Maradei submitted his resignation in a letter to the group that was received Saturday. He had been elected last April to replace two-term president Jim Holliday.

Vice President Beth Wright, wife of former City Councilman Jim Wright, was in line to succeed him. She said she would probably call a meeting next week for the election of officers and new board members which is regularly held in January.

Asked if she wanted to be president, Wright, a Carmel travel agent, said, "I haven't thought about it. We were so hopeful that he (Maradei) would want to continue for another year."

Director Clayton Anderson said the CRA board would wait until the City Council acted on the petition to either rescind the ordinance or call an election before it took a position. "Right now we're just neutral."

Howard Skidmore, CRA vice president for public relations, said Maradei had written a letter praising the CRA, saying that since he had retired from his job as stationmaster of the Carmel-by-the-Sea postal station he had become busy with other matters.

"There are unknowns in that having to do with confirmation of signatures," Skidmore said when asked if the group planned to vote on the petition again after declining to take a position a week ago. "Now nobody knows whether they will get confirmation of the signatures."

"I'm sure there will be groups formed on each side," White said. "The sad thing is that we're faced with spending about $12,000 for an election in a tight budget. I'd like to tag it in with another election. It doesn't make sense to spend public money."

White said he thinks it's the city's job to be sure there are enough public forums "so people will feel it's a beneficial ordinance to the City of Carmel. If we can keep personalities out of this, we'll have a fair election."

Besides handling its budget concerns, White said the City Council needed to set up its permanent Historic Preservation Committee and monitor adoption of the Traffic Reduction Ordinance (TRO)—"We have to be really careful about implementing that."

As Brehmer explained it, if the signatures are validated by the county, the election could be held in May or June. She has 30 working days to respond to the petitioners regarding the sufficiency of their signatures following which she must report to the City Council at its next meeting.

"If the petition has 403 signatures certified, the council can either repeal the ordinance or call a special election, " Brehmer explained. If the issue goes to the council in February and an election is called, it would have to be held within 88 days and thus would miss the June 8 election.

Brehmer said it would cost the city between $4,000 and $5,000 to have the question put to the voters at the regular election and about $10,000 if it had to be held as a special election.

Town Hall Considers Post Office Plaza

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plan, suggesting "maybe the mail should finally be delivered" in Carmel. After the meeting, he laughed that he might be "the most unpopular man in town." But he told the *Sun* that he was not alone in finding the necessary daily trip to the post office in the crowded town an imposition.

Alan Williams, president of Carmel Development Co. and chairman of the Ad Hoc Parking Committee, saying the city needed to explore "multiple solution" answers to its problems, suggested that the postal service might be willing to build a new post office atop a new city parking garage at the north end of Sunset Center. "Maybe it's time to dust off those plans for Sunset parking again," he said, adding that more room and better traffic flow would exist at the new location.

White asked the audience to indicate by raising their hands if they would be interested in pursuing Williams' idea. About two-thirds did.

Lindsay Hanna, another member of the planning commission in the audience, did not directly oppose the concept of a plaza, but he questioned how many people would take the time to use it as Kruse had suggested. Noting the 10-minute time limit on parking in the area, he said, "The most important thing is the parking limit. There's not time to drink coffee or read the paper."

Jim Holliday, a former president of the Carmel Residents Association and a member of the 2016 Committee, said the lease on the post office station would be up for renewal in January of 1997, noting that the L-shaped structure was owned privately by two individuals.

He said his investigation showed that the owner of the north portion of the facility would be willing to sell that part of the facility to the postal service for the right price when the lease expired. The owner of the southern part, while not willing to sell, would re-lease his building to the postal service for 30 years, Holliday said.

Holliday said he had also spoken with the head of the postal service's realty operations in Washington who told him it would be willing to purchase the present site if possible and had money in a special fund to do so.

In a statement he handed out to members of the audience, Holiday said: "Inasmuch as this community has chosen decade by decade not to have house-to-house mail delivery, the post office symbolizes our collective, conscious decision not to be modern, not to be like 99 percent of other towns. The old fashioned choice/habit of going to the post office each day characterizes life in Carmel-by-the-Sea."

As outlined by Kruse, the plan calling for the complete closure of 5th Avenue to cars would result in no net loss of parking spaces around the post office. The proposal to close off just part of the street could be accomplished with just the loss of one space, he said.

White suggested that sand bags be used to mark off the area that would be used for landscaping and benches for a test of how the proposal for a single lane in front of the post office might work. When he asked the crowd if it would be willing to do this as a test, most people raised their hands.

Candidates Galore Seek City Administrator's Job

Carmel's search for a new city administrator has attracted 182 applications—"the most in six years" for the Sacramento firm leading the hunt, Mayor Ken White said Monday Night.

Quoting Bob Murray of Arthur Anderson, White told a town hall meeting he expected more than 200 candidates would ultimately apply. "They come from Maine to Alaska and include a number of local candidates," White said. "There is nationwide interest in the city and the position."

White said the city council would meet in closed session Jan. 19 with Murray to select the top 20 candidates to succeed Doug Schmitz, who resigned the $75,000-a-year post last year to take a similar position at Lake Oswego, Ore. Greg D'Ambrosio has been serving as acting administrator, but told White he did not want the position permanently.

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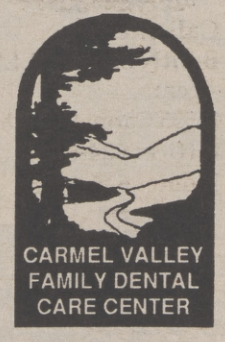
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New Gauges Monitor River Flow, Aquifer's Recharge

By Carolyn Rice

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District staff can keep better track of the amount of water flowing down Carmel River—and into the alluvial aquifer beneath it—with the help of a new gauge installed on the Garland Park bridge last summer.

Park visitors who walk across the bridge can see for themselves the graphing of the river flow through a glass enclosed box.

The squares on the graph, which are about one-eighth of an inch in size, record two hours of time horizontally and each half-foot of water passing under the bridge vertically. An enclosed float device drives the plotter.

Hydrologist Joe Oliver of the water district said the gauge is equipped to chart height of the water or "stage" for eight days. The graph is collected once a week and used to determine how many cubic feet of water have flowed down the river.

Greg James, assistant hydrologist for the district, picked up the graph from Garland Park on Monday. Looking at the peak flow for the past week which occurred on Jan. 7, James said probably about 1,500 cubic feet was flowing under the bridge per second. "It would give you 3,000 acre feet in a day if it stayed constant," he said.

In addition, a new pressure transducer has been installed in the river near Highway 1. It measures river flow with a device in a pipe which responds to the pressure of the water rather than by using a float system, Oliver said.

By comparing the recorded flows upstream with measurements taken near the mouth of the river, computations can be made to determine how much water is being absorbed into the aquifer. Little is typically lost to either evaporation or transpiration during the rainy winter season when temperatures are cool and most of the riparian vegetation is dormant, said Darby Fuerst, water resources manager for the district.

The district had a gauge similar to the one at Garland Park at Sleepy Hollow east of Carmel Valley Village, but it was removed last week due to the high water flow, Oliver said. That gauge is used to measure lower levels of flow, but it has to be removed when the river starts to flow rapidly as it is now, Oliver said.

In addition to the water district's gauges, the U.S. Geological Survey has two river measuring gauges—one near Via Mallorca and the other near Rosie's Bridge across Esquiline Road. Data collected from all of these stations help the water district estimate aquifer recharge rates. This information is supplemented with a program that monitors how quickly wells along the aquifer recharge—that is how fast the water in them rises.

The primary source of water for the peninsula, the Carmel River aquifer ranges from 500 feet to 5,000 feet across, with the average width being from 2,000 to 3,000 feet, Oliver said. The center recharges first with the outer sides of the aquifer being the last part to fill, he said. The narrowest part of the aquifer is located along the Scarlett narrows in Mid Valley while the widest part is under the Carmel Rancho Shopping Center, Oliver said.

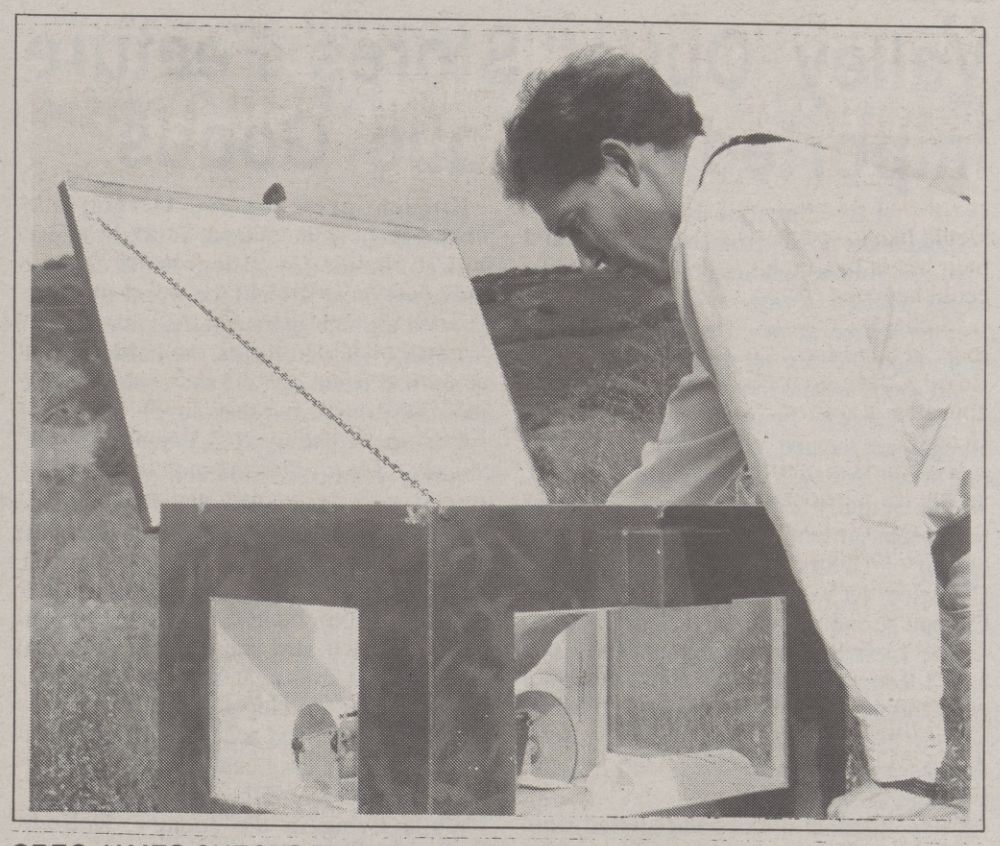
Oliver said by the first of the week he would know how much water the aquifer has in it. Darby Fuerst, water resource manager for the district, estimated the aquifer was 80 percent full at the beginning of the rainy season.

Oliver said other gauges on San Clemente, Garzas Creek, Robinson Creek and Hitchcock Creek measure how much water is flowing into the Carmel River from these tributaries. Those creeks all receive runoff from Ranch San Carlos lands, he said.

The water district soon will be meeting with county officials and Rancho San Carlos officials to discuss to what extent future development on the 20,000 acre ranch will affect water runoff, Oliver said.

He said development has been planned to avoid reducing surface runoff to the tributaries. But, Oliver said, the question which remains is whether taking water from deep bedrock water sources is somehow connected with surface runoff.

Oliver said the water district received permission from the Monterey Regional Park District to install the Garland Park bridge gauge. It cost several thousand dollars but would have cost $15,000 if the water district had not been able to attach it to the existing bridge, Oliver said.



GREG JAMES CHECKS THE WATER FLOW at the Garland Park bridge. James, assistant hydrologist for the water district, said cubic feet of water flowing under the bridge can be calculated using the gauge. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

State Plan to Buy Point Lobos Ranch Disclosed

The State Parks Department said Wednesday it will hold a public hearing Jan. 20 to discuss plans to purchase most of Point Lobos Ranch using Proposition 117 funds.

It said it proposed to make the purchase in phases, starting with about 400 acres of what it called "prime upland habitat." Owners of the 1,723-acre ranch located immediately east of Highway 1 across from Point Lobos Reserve south of Carmel have proposed a project consisting of a 240-unit lodge and 120 low, moderate and market rate housing units. But they have expressed a willingness in the past to sell the land so that it can be preserved.

The Parks Department said the hearing would be at 7:30 p.m. in its conference room at 2211 Garden Road in Monterey. Proposition 117, approved by state voters in 1990 and known as the mountain lion initiative, designated funds to purchase prime wildlife habitat.

River Runs High in Rains

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Valley Village, compared to average rainfall of 17.61 inches.

The rainy period was the result of a band of warm, moist subtropical air flowing across the Central Coast from the Pacific, Renard said. He said this weather pattern was harder to predict than thrusts of cold arctic air behind a cold front which provides a clear trigger for storms.

Renard said the night-time low temperature at his station in Monterey never dropped below 57 degrees Tuesday night, reflecting the warm air flow.

"I think we'll continue to see unsettled weather through the weekend with periods of rain. Some of the showers may be locally heavy with some areas possibly receiving 1 inch or more," he added. The rains likely will end by late in the weekend, with colder weather returning, he said.

Andy Bell, engineering manager for the water management district, said some erosion was occurring along the river, including about 60 feet of new bank that had been washed out at the district's Valley Hills erosion control project.

The de Dampierre work "appears to be holding," he said, but added that "the water's deep and muddy and we'll have to see how it plays out."

He said the district began carrying in rock to reinforce the Valley Hills work on Friday and continued through Thursday. The de Dampierre and Valley Hills projects were undertaken late last year to straighten the river channel and reinforce the banks by planting willows. The damage occurred because the heavy flow began before the willows had a chance to grow.

Bell said he also was aware of erosion occurring about a mile upstream of Schulte Bridge and just upstream of the Valley Hills project.

Fuerst noted that the river was spilling into the sea as early as it has in several recent years, saying this was good news for the fishery. He said he felt the normal migration period for the river's declining steelhead was from January through March. While there was no evidence of any significant spawning migration taking place, Fuerst suggested that the extended flowing of the river would provide more opportunity for the fish to either migrate to the ocean or return to the river to spawn.

After four years of drought in which the river failed to make it to the sea, it began flowing into the Pacific in March of 1991 and in February of 1992.

Renard said normal rainfall in Monterey as of Jan. 13 was 8.11 inches. With 12.79 being recorded through that date, he noted that "we're 50 percent ahead of schedule. Normally we wouldn't have this much until Feb. 25."

Motorcyclist Hurt On Los Laureles Grade

Steven Friese, 16, of Monterey, was transferred to Stanford Medical Center with critical injuries following a motorcycle accident on Los Laureles Grade in Carmel Valley.

The accident occurred near Southview Lane Monday afternoon at 5:15 p.m., according to a California Highway Patrol (CHP) spokesman.

Friese was driving southbound, going around a curve at a high rate of speed when he lost control of his motorcycle, the CHP spokesman said. Friese was ejected and the motorcycle slid into the rear end of a northbound station wagon driven by Christine Cattin, 39, the CHP said. Cattin and a passenger in the car, Damian Griss, 18, were uninjured.

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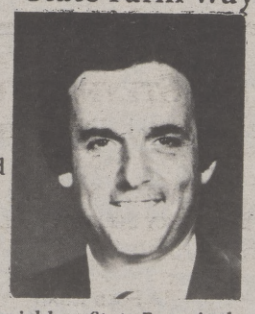

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Valley Outlet Stores Feature Imported Boutique Goods

By Carolyn Rice

Handmade goods from Nepal, Bali and Peru are sold at wholesale prices by two stores tucked away in Carmel Valley Village which serve as retail outlets for import businesses serving boutiques and resort shops around the country.

The stores—Exotixa and Cheppu Himal—are located next door to each other in Carmel Valley Village Center. Exotixa, which actually embraces two lines of wholesale goods, The Last Straw and Queen of Hearts, has been open a year. Christine Kolisch just recently opened Cheppu Himal.

The Last Straw, owned by Terry and Luis Liceti, sells handbags and accessories from Indonesia and Peru. Queen of Hearts, owned by Cheryl Harris, sells jackets, dresses and handcrafted wooden artwork from Indonesia.

Cheppu Himal offers hand knitted wool sweaters and handloomed cotton clothing with wood block print designs. Kolisch, 44, also sells accessories, antique jewelry, art objects and stationery.

"Everything is handmade," Kolisch said. "I prefer to deal with boutiques and keep it unique."

Twice a year Kolisch journeys to Katmandu, Nepal, where she has a factory. She sells her merchandise at about 25 trade shows in the United States to boutique owners from most of the 50 states, she said. "There's maybe one state I don't sell in. I think it's South Dakota."

Kolisch grew up in Oregon and studied modern literature at Scripps College in Claremont, Ca. Then in 1972, she embarked on an around the world trip. She traveled through India and then into Nepal. "Literally when I crossed the border, I felt as if I had come home," she said. "I don't know why, but it felt that way."

She spent the next 13 years in the country. "I went into the mountains. I fell in love with the country and the people," she said. Kolisch said she went on treks, exploring remote regions of the county.

Kolisch and her husband, Craig Lovell, a photographer, have led treks in Nepal. Kolisch said she became fluent in Nepalese and still dreams in the language. She describes the Nepal people as "warm hearted, friendly and accepting of people's differences. It's easy coming from another culture to be accepted there."

While living in the country, Kolisch worked for UNICEF, helping to start a woodblock printing factory which employed Tibetan refugees. "For the first time, UNICEF actually produced cards in the country where they were designed," Kolisch recalled.

Kolisch lived in Afghanistan for a year before going to Nepal. She had a tour business and would take 10 or 15 people on 10 day camping trips. "Then there was revolt and everyone had to leave," she said.

Her son, Bhodi Garrett, now 14 and a Carmel High student, was born in Katmandu.

CHRISTINE KOLISCH travels to Nepal two times a year to purchase the handloomed cotton clothing with wood block designs which she sells to boutiques throughout the United States and locally at wholesale prices.

CHERYL HARRIS SPENDS several months a year in Bali designing the jackets, pants, skirts and tops she markets at resorts. *Sun photos by Carolyn Rice*

Kolisch said she returned to the states when Bhodi was 7. "He had never really lived in the states. I wanted him to experience life in the United States and get to know my parents," she said.

Kolisch moved to the peninsula in 1986 and opened a Cannery Row store. Then after six months she set up shop in Carmel on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Now she is leaving that store for her new one in the Valley.

Spending a lot of time in Buddhist monasteries while in Nepal, Kolisch became a Buddhist while living there. She said the dedication of Buddhists to help all people be happy is what attracted her to the religion.

While her wholesale business has "definitely taken off," Kolisch said "I will always keep a retail store. I love dealing with customers." In the short time she has been in the Valley, "I've met an awfully lot of nice local people," she said.

Harris, 44, has been in the wholesale business for more than four years, selling her handpainted or batiked clothes primarily to resort stores in Atlanta, Miami, Guam and Hawaii. She opened her retail shop in the Village about a year ago.

Harris said about five years ago she went to Indonesia with a friend who trained local carvers how to do woodcarvings of whales and dolphins and then imported them to the states. The villagers lived in the interior and had never seen marine life, she said. While traveling to the villages, she became interested in the work of batik artists.

"I saw all these batik artists doing these beautiful things," she said. So she designed a collection of tops, pants, dresses and shorts which were sold at Nordstrom's. She was able to market at the large department store because of her friend's connections, she said.

Then, Harris, who had been a cocktail waitress at the Hog's Breath in Carmel for 12 years, also sold her resort wear through trade shows. "I broke into the business real fast," she said. Many of her handpainted designs feature vibrant, swirling colors on rayon materials. The batik process varies from village to village, Harris said. "Each factory has its own technique." Basically the process is one of applying salt, wax and chemicals to materials to create the design, she said.

Leaving for a three-month business trip to Bali before Christmas, Harris said she was looking forward to the weather and to working with the Balinese people.

"It's really a treat to be around them and work with them," she said. She will design her fall and winter 1993 line while there. "I have some ideas," she said. "I just have to go put it together." She will also oversee production of her spring and summer 1993 line while in Bali.

Harris, a tall, vivacious, strawberry blond, said she takes time out to ride her boogie board at a beach one block from her home.

Her business was affected when hurricane Iniki hit Hawaii, she said. She supplied four shops on Kauai which "do $1,000 a day each." But the hurricane destroyed their business, Harris said. "They just sent me money and said, "Just do anything you want. We need pants, tops, and send it fast."

Another good customer has been Disney World in Florida. "I've sold tons at Disney World," Harris said.

Harris said she sells her overruns at her Village store. "It would sell for two times as much in resort shops," she said.

Exotixa is open four days a week, Wednesday through Saturday. Cheppu Himal is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Park Seeks Docents

Volunteers are needed to staff the visitor center at Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley. According to Nikki Nedeff, park naturalist, the park would like to have docents at the center every day. Currently, it is staffed with a ranger/naturalist between 10 a.m and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Docents will receive first aid and natural history training. Call Nedeff at 659-6062 for more information about volunteering for a weekly four-hour shift.

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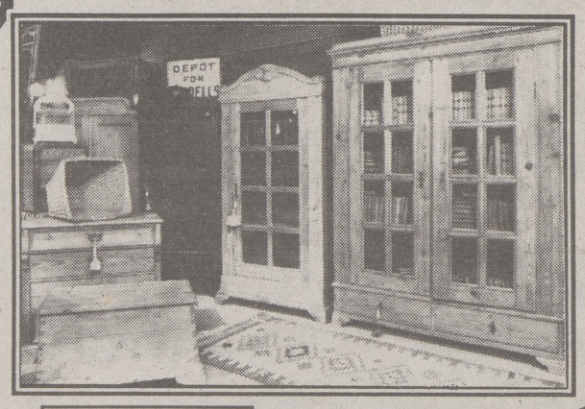

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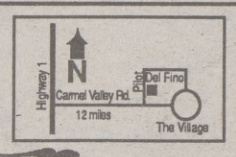

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MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC Preservation told Carmel officials and residents Sunday the city was "a national treasure."

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Carmel's a "National Treasure"

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General Plan goals with those of the 2016 Committee."

- The city needs to deal realistically with tourism in the planning process.
- It should make mandatory rather than voluntary compliance with the newly adopted Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- There should be an investigation of economic incentives for property tax relief of historic properties.
- In order to reinforce the residential area, Carmel should have a parking plan with a shuttle service like Beaver Creek, Colo.
- The city should nominate itself to the National Register of Historic Places, an honorary status that does not restrict development and can help it, to bolster the economic future.
- A preservation planner should be hired.
- The survey of 2,500 properties done by the Architectural and Historical Survey under Sales' direction should be completed, analyzed and evaluated.
- The city should establish an independent design review board with discretionary powers and should make the design review process "less imposing" between the community and the developer.
- All the present design review standards should be made mandatory.
- Incentives should be created to encourage low cost housing to establish a base for creating resident-serving businesses such as was done in Aspen, Colo., for that city's service industry.
- It should increase the affordable housing base within the commercial zone using such mixed-uses as artists having working/living space along with gallery consignment space.
- Carmel should establish a city-operated resident serving store for basic needs with competitive prices guaranteed by the city.
- There should be a 10 to 15 percent discount program for village residents.
- Carmel should establish a farmer's market and more community-oriented events.
- Carmel needs to take a leadership role in planning on the entire Monterey Peninsula.
- The city should mount an education and public awareness program on preservation of its natural, architectural and cultural assets.
- To further protect the upper tree canopy, the city should strengthen and broaden its tree ordinance and continue reforestation along with a public education program.
- A landscape component should be added to the design review ordinance with specific regulations on what kind of plant species would be appropriate for the area.
- Carmel should encourage fostering and investing in the arts, supplementing music festivals with literary festivals, for example.
- There should be more Town Meetings.
- The city should establish an historically oriented public relations campaign, targeting regional and national audiences of both tourists and potential residents.
- Carmel must halt the incremental loss of features that have given it its unique character, primarily the residential area.
- It should establish a community gathering place, perhaps near the post office or at the First Murphy House and create an historical archive.
- The city should seek joint funding between the commercial and non-profit sectors for its preservation projects because "there's a variety of funds out there."

During a question and answer period, Congleton asked why one team suggested mass marketing for tourism. "Why would it be desirable to promote tourism rather than restrict it and promote cultural events for tourists?"

"Carmel-by-the-Sea is a national treasure," replied Karita Hummer of San Jose. "A public relations campaign would be educational. Carmel almost requires a certain care when visiting and when one comes to live in it to protect the character of the community."

Sharon Lawrence, a resident, asked what were the top historical places the group found in Carmel. None were cited because participants said they didn't look at the community "in that depth." Rather they were impressed by the "stylistic distinctiveness of the cottages and the great diversity of architecture."

Matthew Sugarman of Coloma said, "You're not telling your history. You have a unique background but I only saw two signs—for City Hall and parking. As a visitor, I'd appreciate knowing more about the city. I'd love to see an interpretation of your town. You can show it to your own residents and the visitors because they're going to come."

Jepson said a program of price discounts for residents would have to come from the merchants, and it had been resisted because no one wants to go to a store "where there is a visitor-resident cash register."

Property Tax Revenues Off

Council Will Vote on Rio Park

By Isabelle Hall

Faced with lower property tax revenues and possibly another hit from the state, the Carmel City Council will meet Jan. 19 to decide whether to pay down its Rio Park debt instead of developing the property on the south edge of town.

The council will meet as the Public Improvement Authority at 4:30 p.m. to consider using some $460,000 set aside for Rio Park property improvement funds from the sale of Certificates of Participation to pay down the principle on the $1.55 million, 20-year installment purchase of the 6.5 acre parcel.

Such a prepayment would mean an annual saving of more than $40,000, according to Acting City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio, and more than $650,000 over the life of the loan.

The announcement came as the city reported receiving an estimate on property tax receipts that could result in a possible revenue shortfall of $198,295 in its estimated 1992-93 property tax revenues of $1,2,07,565. Property taxes are one of the city's big five sources of revenue.

At the same time, the League of California Cities reported rumors that Gov. Pete Wilson's budget includes a massive takeway of city property tax revenues—all of the funds guaranteed cities when Proposition 13 took away their income from school taxes plus some of the general property tax income from tax administration. D'Ambrosio said he was working on how much the loss could be under Prop. 13, and "it could be a couple of hundred thousand, or more." The League said Wilson's proposed takeaway could result in cities losing 45 percent of their property tax to the state.

"I'm disappointed we can't come up with some way to improve Rio Park for public use," Mayor Ken White said in an interview. "With the budget cuts, we have no choice but I have real hope that some community groups might be interested" in helping develop the park.

"There are only two options," he said. "Build the park or help lower the cost. The council could decide they want to develop the park."

The city had to lay off people for the first time in its history in order to balance its 1992-93 budget at $7,328,063. In doing so, however, it projected an increase in expenditures, mostly from deferred maintenance and capital purchases this year. D'Ambrosio projected fiscal year 1993-94 expenditures of $8.7 million and revenues of just $7.4 million but that was before the current state budget was announced.

D'Ambrosio created a "Skunk Works" Revenue Enhancement Committee to come up with ideas to help solve the budget crisis.

"If we get hit heavy again, what's it mean?" White asked. "Other cities are furloughing people once a month. Look at San Juan Bautista."

San Juan Bautista laid off all its employees for lack of funds, but White said such action could have unknown long range impacts because the city would be unable to apply for grants or make mandated reports to the state.

White had just come from a meeting of peninsula mayors who he said had been asking the state for years to rescind some of the mandated reports which burden local government.

Things are so tight in Carmel, White said, that the Mayor's Fund is almost broke. The fund was established under former Mayor Clint Eastwood to pay for youth and family-oriented activities.

Meanwhile, D'Ambrosio reported the city has granted the Carmel Area Wastewater District and Pebble Beach Co. approval to use city rights-of-way and to use Rio Park as a temporary staging and construction yard during the 18-month construction of a water reclamation transmission line. The city will be paid $100,000 in return which he said could be used for Rio Park improvements.

Carmel got its first property tax check from Monterey County for the current fiscal year on Dec. 23 in the amount of $612,1254, $72,892 below anticipated revenues.

The projected revenues of $1,207,565 were adjusted to reflect these cuts: $113,425 from tax shifts under the state budget, $26,943 in administrative costs and $31,694 less as a result of Pebble Beach's lower tax settlement.

On the plus side, the city got $2,954 more in sales tax in December than last year with a check for $859,218. It also will get back $12,000 from the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as a result of adjustments in actuarial figures and has cut its electric and gas bills by $8,144 for the six-month period from July through December.

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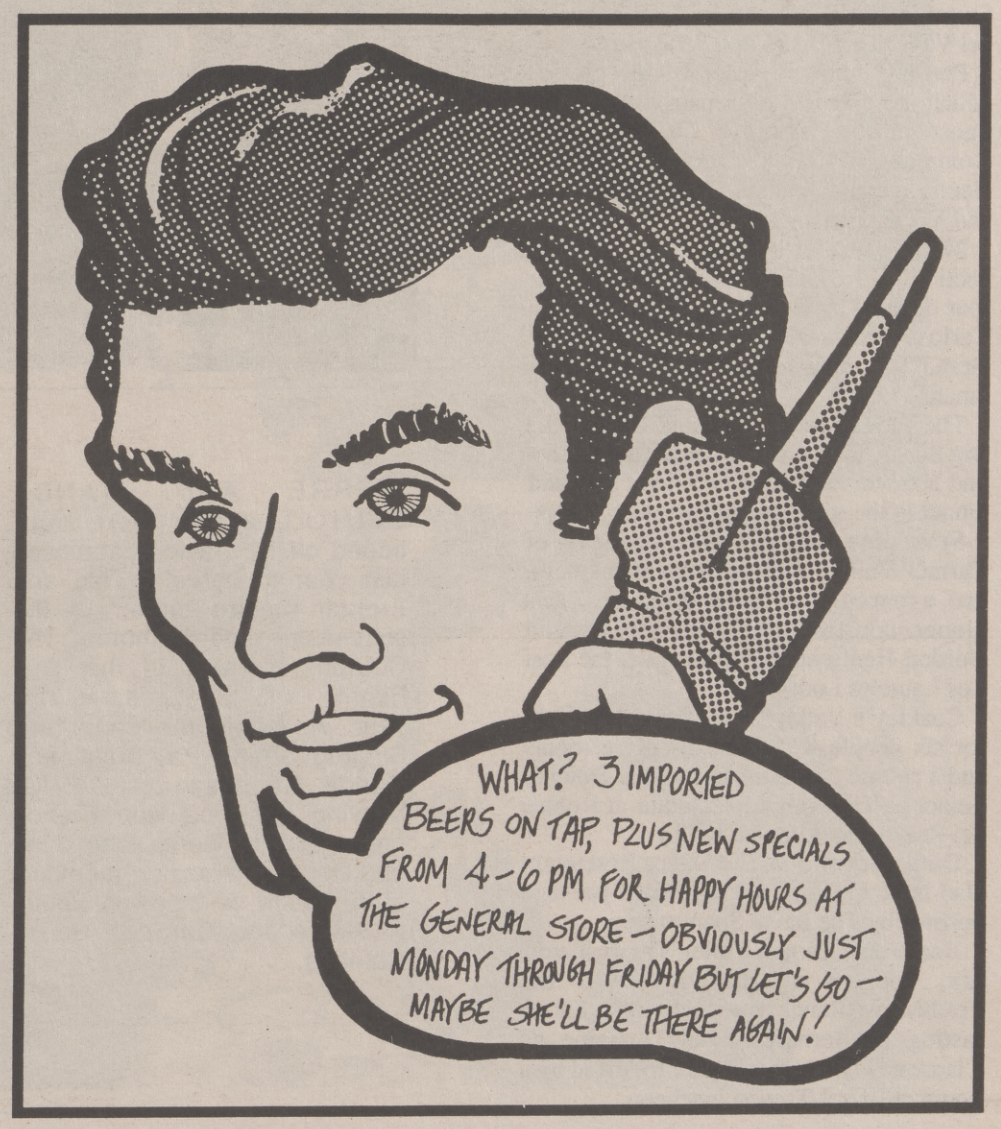
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A Sampling of Their Best

Local Restaurants' Contributions Make Village A

The astonishing breadth and depth of the restaurants located in Carmel Valley Village once again assures a standing room only crowd at Los Laureles Lodge Monday night for the Fourth Annual Village Affair.

The highly successful fundraiser has raised nearly $100,000 in the past three years, money used to create beautiful pathways through the Village in the unincorporated area.

With no local government in place, the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) took on the task of building the paths to unite the mile-long village, retain its rural atmosphere and provide safe walkways for residents.

CVVIC President Peter Coakley told the monthly meeting Friday he was looking for the same kind of great turnout that brought in some $30,000 last year.

Twenty-one restaurants and caterers donate their time and food to make the event a gourmet—and gourmand—event, a showcase of their talents. Eight local wineries will be pouring their finest wines and Mid-Valley Safeway will be serving sparkling waters.

"If it were not for their bountiful and savory contributions, this event could never take place," says the official program.

In addition, Chef Jon Kasky of Oak Deli and Bird of Paradise Catering and Chefs Wanda and Pierre Coutou of Thai Bistro offered their talents for the live auction. Kasky, who caters many private meals in the Pebble Beach area, will produce a private dinner for eight in your home as will the Coutous who will provide both Thai and French foods from their repertoire.

Kasky and the Coutous also will be among the restaurants serving a wide array of foods, representing many countries at the Village Affair. The $25 price of admission provides a gastronomical event and helps pay to beautify the Village.

The event is always held on the Monday holiday of Martin Luther King's birthday because the chefs generally close their own establishments Mondays. Many spend the weekend getting ready for the event.

Providing the food will be Andre's Smoked Salmon, Baum and Blume/Carriage House Catering, Bird of Paradise Catering, Bon Appetit, A Country Place, Graciella's, The Iron Kettle, Kate's, The King and I, A Moveable Feast, Los Laureles Lodge, Oak Deli and Bakery, Plaza Linda, The Ridge, River Rock Cafe, Running Iron, Stonepine Estate Resort, Sweet Retreat Cafe and Bakery, Taqueria del Valle, Thai Bistro and Wills Fargo.

Pouring wines in special wine glasses which are given to each patron at the entrance will be Bernardus, Chateau Julien, Domaine de Clarck, Durney Vineyard, Georis Winery, Joullian, Talbott Vineyards and Ventana Vineyards.

Many gourmet dinners are on the live auction list including a private dinner for four donated by the owners of Rancho San Carlos. The meal will be served at the Grand Hacienda following a tour of the ranch.

The mountain-top Ventana Inn on the Big Sur Coast donated what it called a second honeymoon with a two-night stay and dinner in the spacious restaurant.

Stonepine Estate Resort just east of Carmel Valley Village offers a night for two, a romantic carriage ride and an elegant dinner courtesy of owners Noel and Gordon Hentschel who also own the host Los Laureles Lodge.

Coakley's Valley Lodge donated a night for six people with three fireplace rooms and a private limousine to take the group to dinner at The Ridge Restaurant at Robles del Rio overlooking the Valley.

Dinner for two in The Dunes Restaurant also is included in the two night package donated by The Inn at Spanish Bay.

Bernardus, Carmel Valley's newest winery, donated a tour for 10 of the Featherbow Ranch vineyard with a barrel tasting of Bernardus and Domaine de Clarck newly released wines, followed by a gourmet Barrel-Tasting luncheon.

A VILLAGE AFFAIR makes possible the creation of beautiful pathways that link both ends of Carmel Valley Village. Workmen put the finishing touches on a link at Ford Road and Carmel Valley Road outside Valley Greens Condominiums.

HELPING HIS MOTHER, Lucy Zarazua, center, was Roberto Zarazua, left, and Stephanie McGowan, right, serve the crowds with treats from Taqueria del Valle at the 1992 Village Affair.

CHEF JON KASKY, above, serving delectable bites at the 1992 Village Affair, will be auctioned off Monday night. As he did last year, Kasky will provide a dinner for eight in the home of the successful bidder. Tom Ewen, owner of Tom Ewen Woodworking in the Village, and his wife, Katy, were the successful bidders last year. Wanda Coutou and her staff, at right, wore traditional Thai costumes last year. Donna Hamilton, at right below, laughed with her helpers last year. She is shown with her granddaughter, Angelique Cabral, and Kevin Strathmeyer. Hamilton owns The Iron Kettle and generally serves biscuits with homemade jams and desserts.

PIERRE AND WANDA COUTOU, above, were auctioned off by David Armanasco last year to serve a Thai and French private dinner in the successful bidder's home. The Coutous, owners of the Thai Bistro, will do the same this year. At left in the photo are Singing Sheriff Pat Duval and Randy Randazzo of CVVIC. Serving hot food with French bread, at right, were Diane, Jane and Deborah Wenzler, members of the family which owns Baum & Blume and Carriage House Catering.

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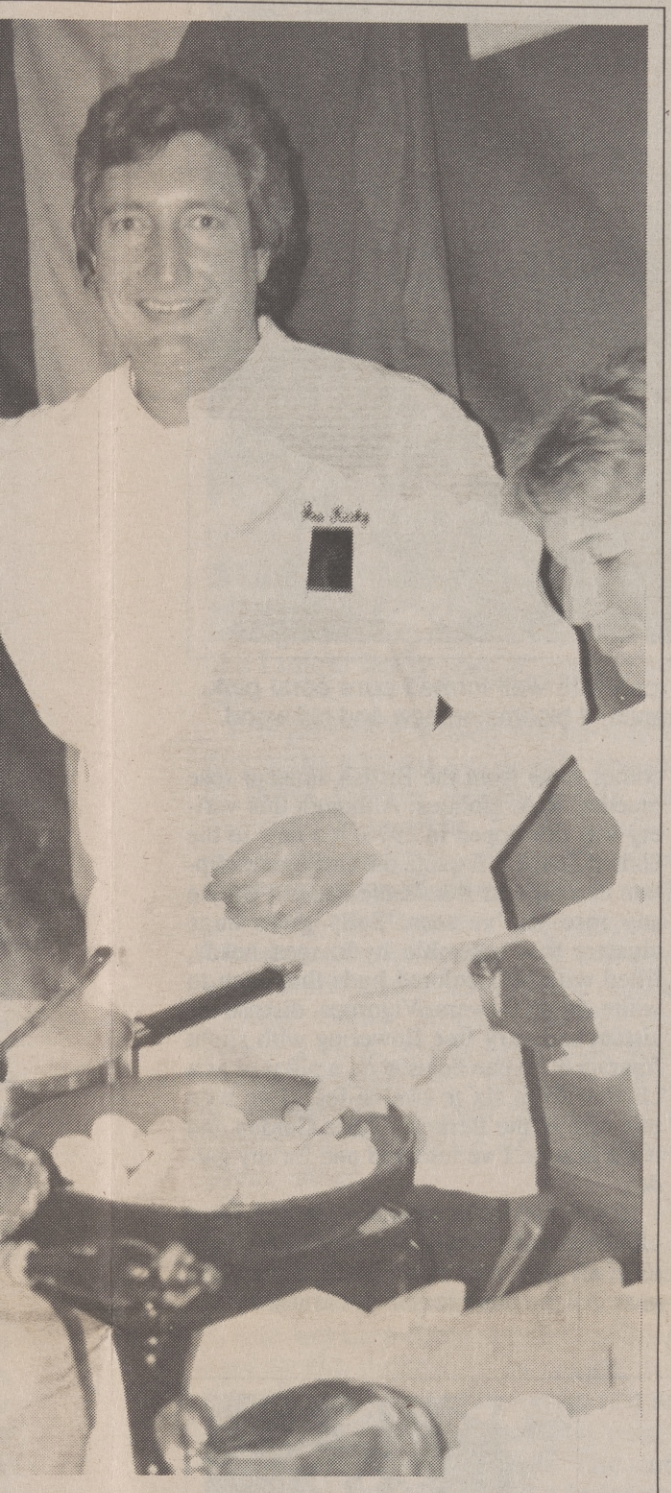
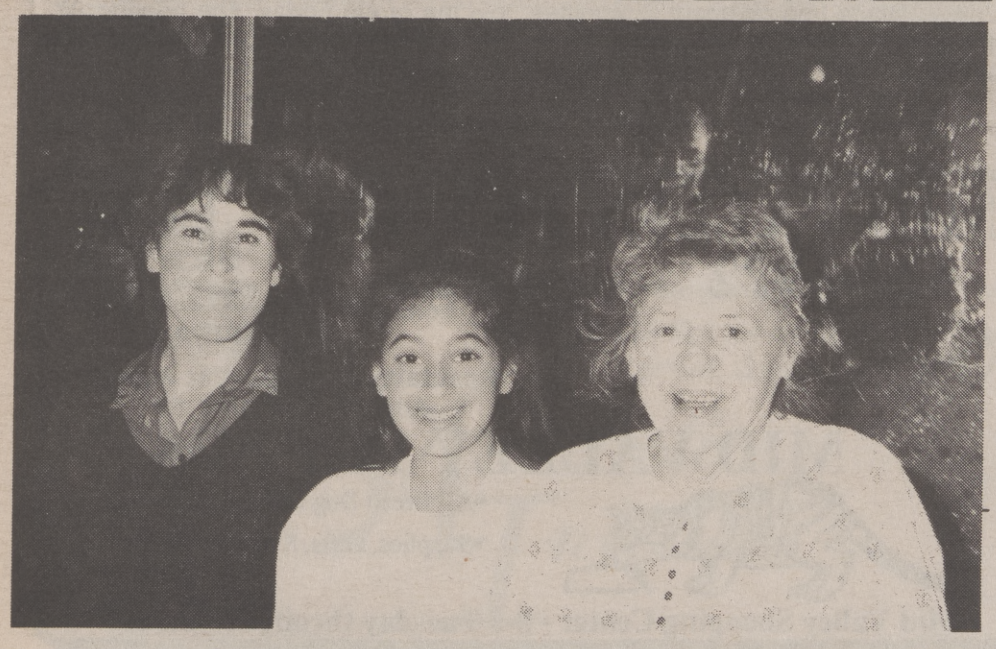


CHEF DANIEL BARDUZZI OF STONEPINE, above, will be on hand again this year for the fourth annual Village Affair. Tawni Jones, right, daughter of Running Iron owners Nelson and Jenn Foreman, helped serve spareribs last year. Ventana Vineyards wines, below, was a popular stop for guests at the 1992 Village Affair. Local wineries donate their products which are served in an etched commemorative wine glass that is given each patron. The staff of The Ridge at Robles del Rio chats with a patron in photo at bottom right.



TROWEL & HOE

BY MARK EATON

Few sights in the garden are as dramatic as a climbing rose in full bloom. Trained on a large trellis up the side of a house, or spreading several feet in either direction from its center along a fence, a single plant may exhibit dozens of flowers at one time during peak season. Most gardeners would certainly aspire to own at least one such specimen.

Growing a climbing rose is not as simple as growing a typical bush like a Hybrid Tea Rose. There is a certain amount of basic training involved. Though not terribly complex, the rules need to be adhered to in order to achieve success.

No roses are climbers in that they have tendrils or other means with which to advance on their own; if not supported, they are just large shrubs that grow up and arch over.

There are two basic types of climbing rose—ramblers and climbers. Ramblers have been around since Victorian times, their long flexible stems bearing huge trusses of small flowers. Growth is vigorous and they can provide a mass of color in late spring or early summer, but there is only one flush of flowers. Ramblers are no longer the popular choice—many are susceptible to powdery mildew and pruning out the tangles can be a tiresome chore.

Climbers have much stiffer stems, larger flowers and smaller trusses than Ramblers. The canes grow either from older canes or from the base of the plant. Most climbers also develop laterals (side shoots off the canes), and produce flowers on them. Some varieties will also bear flowers at the ends of the canes.

Certain climbers are repeat bloomers, while others bloom only at the beginning of the season. Why would anyone plant a climber that doesn't repeat? Some, like the old variety, "Fortune's Double Yellow," are so spectacular in their single season of bloom with such a huge volume of flowers on the plant that they are well worth growing in the same way that a rhododendron blooms only once a year.

Most prefer to plant repeat blooming climbers, especially if space is at a premium, and there are plenty of good choices in this category. A handful of excellent varieties that bloom repeatedly throughout the season are "Altissimo" (red), "America" (coral pink), "Blaze Improved" (red), "Dortmund" (red with white "eye"), "Golden Showers" (yellow), "Joseph's Coat" (multicolor), and "New Dawn" (pink).

The most popular climber of all in Northern California is "Climbing Cécile Brunner," or the climbing version of the "Sweetheart Rose." This disease resistant polyantha, with its lightly scented, light pink flowers shaped like small hybrid tea blooms, puts on a heavy show in spring with a lesser repeat in fall. Despite this lack of continuous bloom, it is the number one seller for many nurseries.

Beware that many climbing versions of favorite Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras are not the "bloom factories" that their original versions in bush form usually are. Climbing "Double Delight," "Peace" and "Queen Elizabeth," though certainly worth growing, definitely don't repeat as heavily as the original.

Climbers can grow free, without support, but they are hard to manage. They are best trained on fences and walls and in fan shapes up the sides of houses. They can be wrapped in spiral fashion around pillars and thick posts, or trained over arches. Remember that it is the arching habit of climbers that causes heavy flowering. Bending the canes toward the horizontal stimulates the production of hormones that spur growth of new laterals for flowers. Trained in this manner will result in luxurious flower production on the plant from the base of the cane to the tip.

Leave your newly planted climbers alone for two seasons while they produce enough new canes to assure abundant blooms. It is, however, a good idea to strip off as many old leaves as practical and clean up the ground beneath the plant. Follow this with a combination dormant spray at this time of year, the same as for your fruit trees, for a good insect and disease prevention program.

Remember on more mature plants that you are leaving a framework of existing, healthy canes from one year to the next as your best flower production will spring from laterals growing off mature canes. A couple of years ago a gentleman called our nursery wondering why his climbing roses that were a few years old didn't have much bloom. It seems his "professional" gardener pruned all the roses on the property the previous winter the same manner: like Hybrid Tea rosebushes! I explained to the man about pruning (or not pruning) climbing roses and that he'd better check the credentials of this so-called "professional."

Any of the better rose books or books on pruning will show some fairly good illustrations about pruning climbing roses. It isn't that complicated provided you don't butcher your plants like the gardener for our unfortunate nursery caller.

There are three new varieties available in the trade this bare root season which, in case you haven't realized, is happening while you read this column.

AMERICA is a large-flowered climbing rose with well-formed pure coral pink buds and blooms that exude a spicy fragrance. It blooms on new and old wood.

The first two are from Jackson & Perkins. "Lace Cascade" is a relatively short climber to about seven or eight feet bearing 3-1/2 to 4-inch wide high centered, pristine white blooms with 20 petals. It's an import from Europe having won awards in rose trials in Bagatelle, France, and Geneva, Switzerland.

The other is a bright red blooming climber to ten feet called "Dynamite." It is supposed to be a prolific bloomer all season and reputed to be one of the most disease resistant climbers ever introduced. The only negative aspects from these new varieties from what I can ascertain is a minimum of fragrance.

The third variety that is new is the one that excites me the most. "Sally Holmes" comes to us from the British amateur rose breeder, R.A. Holmes. Although this variety was developed in 1976, it's new to the United States. I'll quote the catalog description from *Weeks Wholesale Roses*: "Unlike any rose you've seen, Sally gives huge clusters that resemble hydrangea heads, filled with buff-colored buds that open to white single flowers. Vigorous, disease resistant and very free flowering with slight fragrance." It can be used on a pillar or as a climber from six to twelve feet. I've seen this rose at the Berkeley Rose Garden and it's a beauty. I've reserved one for my garden.

If you make this season your first go at climbing roses, remember they really don't look all that impressive until the second year. All the more reason not to wait!

THIS LITTLE COTTAGE at White Oak Plaza could be moved when the area is developed by owner Henry Ryu. Leslie Voss, incoming chair of the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee, told the group Friday she hoped that the cottage might be saved and moved possibly to a new garden area at the entrance to the Village for use as a local information center.

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OUT AND ABOUT

BY STAN HALL

You've probably heard or read the statistic as often as I have: 38 million Americans do not have any medical insurance. You've probably taken only passing notice, not worrying about it much.

That used to be my general reaction, too. But not any more. I've just become the 38,000,001st American who can not get medical insurance.

It reminds me of how my granddad and neighboring farmers used to grouse about the bankers out in West Texas when I was a boy growing up in the still-deep shadow of the Depression. "If you really need a loan," one of them would say, "you can't get it. They'll only loan you money if you really don't need it." And all the farmer's friends would mutter their assent.

For the most part, I haven't needed medical insurance too often up until lately. The insurance companies were always willing to sell me a policy, although I have noticed that the coverage has been getting expensive. But now, when it looks like I might really need it, price is not even the issue.

It is probably mostly my own fault that I'm in this mess without any health insurance. I'm one of those people whose minds simply do not compute insurance. I can handle differential equations easier than I can figure out an insurance policy, and I'm no whiz at math, either.

When I say that, my wife usually corrects me. "Arithmetic, not math," she will say. "You're no whiz at arithmetic, never mind mathematics."

Okay. Okay. But let me tell you what happened. I think you'll agree that while it's mostly my fault—after all, I did have the bad judgment to go and have a heart attack—the insurance industry and the State of California don't look good, either.

You have to understand that for 15 years before we moved out here, I worked for General Motors in Detroit. "Mother Motors" is what some of my fellow employees used to call it, and working there was sort of like selling your soul to the company. In return, it looked after virtually all your needs—at least it used to.

Having somebody look after your health insurance is not all bad, though. The company chose the policy, paid for it and administered it. If you had a claim, or trouble with a claim, GM hired offices full of personnel people who did nothing but process them.

I think we paid $2 toward each prescription, and that was the extent of most employees' involvement with medical insurance. I may have known slightly more about it. As a speechwriter for the president of GM, I was called on to draft remarks about the high cost of medical insurance to the company.

I can remember writing as early as the mid-1970s that Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. had become GM's biggest single supplier—accounting for more of its annual purchasing cost than even U. S. Steel or Goodyear. Metropolitan provided Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage for GM employees and retirees.

I may have learned about the big picture at GM, but in insurance, what counts is the fine print. When it came to that, I didn't know beans. Maybe if I hadn't joined GM, I would have had to learn about insurance somewhere down the line. Maybe then I would have known what to look out for and what to buy. But that's life I guess—a story that more often than not is about roads not taken.

When I first left GM, I was able to buy insurance through something called COBRA. Don't ask me what the acronym stands for; it's a federal program that requires companies to continue providing up to a year of coverage after an employee leaves.

Only the company no longer pays the premium. You do. It was during this period that I learned that the insurance companies are not totally inefficient. They're awfully good at collecting premiums.

When COBRA expired, Isabelle and I signed up with a Washington State based life insurance company, selecting the largest annual deductible they would allow to keep the cost of premiums down.

That company seemed to be okay—at least until it decided to get out of the medical insurance business and sold out to another outfit. By that time, I had had the heart attack and had no choice but to move my policy to the successor company. No other company would write a policy on me covering heart trouble.

My heart trouble, I learned, is what the insurance industry calls a "pre-existing condition." If you have one—that is, if you know for sure you need medical insurance—the companies either won't cover that condition for a certain period of time, or they won't insure you at all.

Once we signed up with the new company very little changed. We still sent our premium payments to the same place. We submitted claims to the same address. We still called the same telephone number to report we were going to be hospitalized. "Pre-clearance" is what the insurance companies call this, and if you don't bother to do it, the fine print said they didn't have to pay.

Oh, one thing did change under the new company. The premiums—they nearly doubled, to $640 a month or nearly $8,000 a year.

After paying those premiums for 10 months, we received a cryptic form letter from the state insurance commissioners' office in Los Angeles saying that our new company was not licensed in California, the state was placing it in conservatorship and we had no coverage. It told us to find a new company.

Isabelle didn't have any "pre-existing conditions," or existing ones, either, so a different company finally did write a policy on her. She was not all that pleased with her success. One company agreed to insure her only if she gave permission for it to withdraw the monthly premiums directly from our bank account. She said thanks, but no thanks.

The firm she signed up with insisted on sending a visiting nurse to our house to take blood and urine samples before writing the policy. "It's just an AIDS test," she protested.

With my "pre existings," no company was even interested in testing me.

"Go ahead and apply to Blue Cross. When they turn you down, you can apply to the state's major risk program," my local insurance agent told me, seeming almost happy at the prospect of my being rejected.The state major risk program, it turns out, is only for people who can't get medical insurance anywhere else.

It's sort of like being a leper. The only trouble is, the leper colony is full. The program is limited in size, and you have to wait until an opening occurs. Typically that takes about six months, I was told.

I did apply to Blue Cross, sending along my check for $534 to pay the first premium. It also cost me $50 for the doctor's report which resulted in my being turned down; Blue Cross magnanimously paid $25 toward it.

I wrote a long and detailed letter to State Insurance Commissioner Garamundi in Sacramento complaining about all of this. The main thing I wanted to know was why we needed an insurance commissioner if he was going to let unlicensed companies sell health insurance in the state. To my surprise and then anger, I never got an answer—not even one of those meaningless form letters that starts out "Thank you for writing..."

One of the mistakes I made was assuming that because California does have an insurance commissioner, it actually regulates the industry. They would do us a favor if they eliminated department's like Garamundi's. As long as they're in place, they give you a false sense of security. You'd be better off knowing you had to worry about the fine print yourself.

I don't know where I go from here—to the leper colony, I guess, whenever my turn comes up. I'll try to remember to keep you posted.

In the meantime, I keep thinking about a little homily I read somewhere once. "Education," it said, "is what you get from reading the fine print. Experience is what you get from not reading it."

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DISCOVERY – THE LIVELY ARTS

By Barbara Rose Shuler

A packed house at the Sunset Center welcomed one of the most celebrated vocalists of our era last week. Mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade, appearing as part of the Carmel Music Society's 66th season, has been the most eagerly awaited soloist of the year. She possesses a beautiful voice which, like Pavarotti, has that exceptional quality that makes her singing seem as natural as breath.

Von Stade is a superstar with a brilliant career that "began at the top." Sir Rudolf Bing gave her a contract during Metropolitan Opera auditions in 1970. In over two spectacular decades she has sung nearly all her great roles with that company, appearing also with the Chicago Lyric Opera, the San Francisco Opera and often at La Scala and the Paris Opera as well. She is invited regularly to perform with the world's best orchestras conducted by such greats as Claudio Abbado, the late Leonard Bernstein, James Levine, Riccardo Muti, and Seiji Ozawa.

Von Stade has made over three dozen recordings for every major label, including full operas, aria albums, solo recital programs and even popular albums. Many of these releases have won top honors including five grammy nominations. You'll find her appearing regularly on television. In addition, she is the holder of honorary doctorates from Yale, Boston University, the Georgetown University School of Medicine, and the Mannes School of Music. In 1983 she was given an award at the White House by former President Reagan in recognition of her contributions to the arts.

Her Sunset Center program was largely impressionistic both in content and the manner in which it was put together. The works were primarily lesser known art songs of Respighi, Richard Strauss, Schonberg, Messiaen, Honegger, Satie, and Poulenc. The program concluded with five popular Argentinian songs arranged by Alberto Ginastera.

The most striking quality about the program was its fluidity. The songs were arranged so carefully one with the other that it often seemed as if the entire concert consisted of one long composition. In the first set von Stade's exquisite mastery of the subtleties of mood carried the audience flawlessly from the light, charming tone of the opening selections by Resphigi and Puccini to the haunting melancholy of lost love and the sweetness of a mother's lullaby to her child and finally to vibrant yearning of the heart in a shepherd's song by Ildebrando Pizzetti.

ENJOYING A RECEPTION after a concert Saturday night by Frederica von Stade were left to right, Carmel Music Society President Nancy Doolittle, the mezzo-soprano, and Marshall and Jane Steel, Jr., who co-sponsored the concert along with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wilson. *Photo courtesy Dixie Calder*

Especially lovely were the Richard Strauss songs which made up the second set. Von Stade impeccably demonstrated the art of the lullaby during this concert three of the most beautiful of which appeared in the Strauss cycle.

A surprise came at the end of the first half of the program with a group of cabaret songs by Arnold Schonberg. Works of Schonberg, whose reputation as a controversial composer of atonal music, are typically avoided in mainstream classical music concerts. I'm sure there were many in the audience who, noting the inclusion of the Schonberg songs, were preparing for a radical departure from the refinements of the first two sets.

The cabaret songs turned out to be delightfully lyrical and playful, effortlessly blending with the rest of the program. It's a testimony to von Stade's artistic brilliance that she could conclude the first half with Schonberg's music. Needless to say the response was very enthusiastic.

After the intermission we were treated to French works of Messiaen, Honegger, Satie and Poulenc. Von Stade is a highly skilled actress as well as singer. Every flawless note was complimented by an actress's precision texturing of mood and expression. The French songs were particularly well chosen for emphasizing her enticing range of expression.

Listening to Frederica von Stade was indeed an exquisite experience. She is a rarity among singers—an impeccable, elegant, absolutely captivating performer. Her accompanist, pianist Martin Katz, is a gem also who performs regularly with the many of the world's outstanding artists, among them Kathleen Battle, Marylin Horn, Kiri Te Kanewa and Jose Carreras.

As a final note, I would like to address a comment made to me by a member of the audience of this concert. It concerned the programmatic choice to present virtually no works from the popular repertoire. Many who attend a performance by a great opera star, such as von Stade, desire and indeed expect to hear at least a few beloved favorites. There is a special joy in hearing one of the greats sing a familiar spine-tingling melody. I think it is a valid consideration for singers on tour to embrace that desire and include a few favorites, even for the sophisticated Carmel Music Society regulars.

On the other hand, I thoroughly enjoyed the von Stade concert as a wonderful artistic accomplishment in itself.

What makes an ideal classical music program local audiences? What do you think?

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BRUSHSTROKES

By Anita DeCarlo

Ethel Alvy's Art Is in Boxes

Why is it people are more able to respond to abstraction in three dimension more easily than in two dimension? In one sense it is because sculptures are an object per se that they are allowed identities of their own, and because they are tactile, can be touched or even held. We pick up stones and hold and feel them, accept them without having to identify them with something else. All by itself a wind-washed stone can please our eye and comfort our hand. We even carry stones home, or driftwood, and place them in the garden and they become...sculptures!

Another reason could be that sculpture (in round or relief) touches that recycle soul not too far below the skin in most of us, right on top when we were children. A toy was anything found, wooden spools from thread or metal ones after the adhesive tape was gone, cigar boxes, orphan buttons, odds and ends. Thus it is that we can look at sculpture which is quite abstract (does not represent or reproduce a known something) and mentally play with it. It has shapes and possibilities and we accept it. They are toys.

Ethel Alvy, whose work is on display at The Portofino Cafe in Pacific Grove, is not without precedent in continuing her child-like fascination with the found object and incorporating it into art. Foundlings of all sorts have found homes in sculpture throughout modern art, whether tortured metal pieces of machinery or architectural debris. But it is Louise Nevelson who is her special mentor.

tool is the extension of the man."

Our homes are compartmented boxes containing found objects. Our homes reflect each of us.

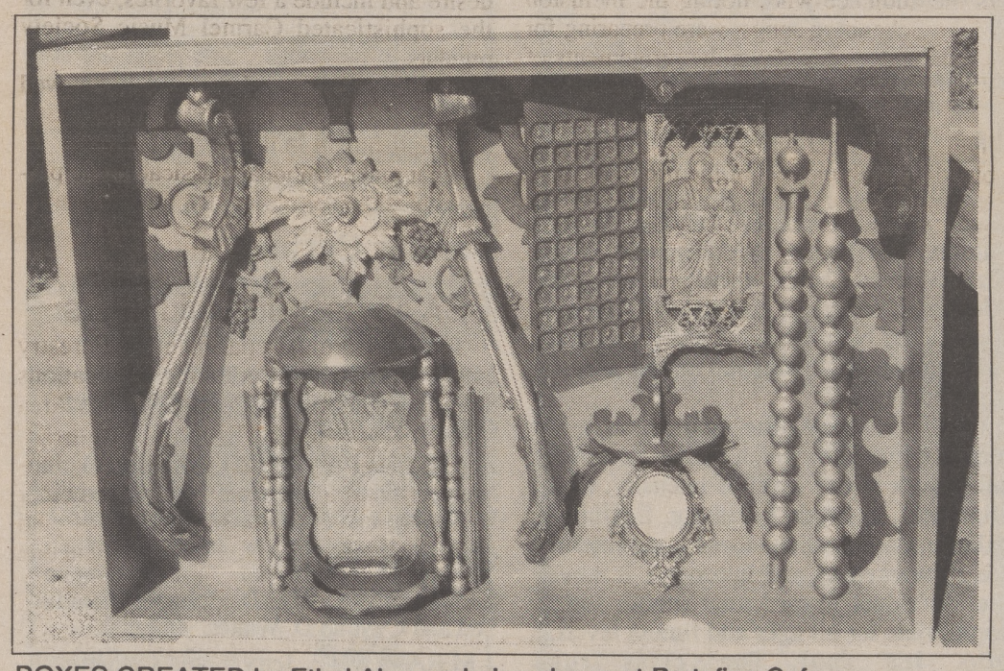
Nevelson's profundity lies in the purity of her absorption with the abstract. Nevelson uses concrete visual form to create abstract ideas. Her goal is not abstract interpretive art but concrete constructive art. Form and image do not point to something else but signify only themselves.

Alvy introduces the human—and therefore the emotive—element.

Found hands (mannikins) are frequent players, and in "Pharaoh," a picture of eyes follows us. The fact that many of the boxes are ammunition adds another subjective element. The urban landscape box all in broken unpainted wood and a scrap of textured window glass defines a specific urban landscape. She is story telling.

Alvy's series of white boxes is more purely abstract than the others, and yet they have a "feel" about them. They are friendly objects in these boxes. They are as comforting as family artifacts on the kitchen window sill.

Nevelson attempts to eliminate all possibility of association by using clear simple forms which the mind can fully control and verify for their own sake—geometrically measurable forms. With these she creates pictorial insights into proportion and harmony. Art is about harmony and order whether representational or not. The artist is in search of harmony or order or balance-



BOXES CREATED by Ethel Alvy are being shown at Portofino Cafe.

Russian-born Nevelson arrived in this country in 1905 and "arrived" as an artist of stature in the 1950's, a long road from an exceptionally talented child who could draw like an angel to abstract organic wooden shapes in the round to more complex boxed compartments and walls containing found objects—pieces of chairs, railings, spindles, pipes—painted all in black or all in white or gold to give them unity.

Nevelson has international stature. Her work is very profound. Her work is unique and reflects a consistency throughout that is her persona. Alvy uses the same approach: compartmented boxes containing found objects and yet there is a reflection here of a different person, of Alvy. "The

but his/her job is to disturb that harmony (balance, order) in order to restore and reorder it.

Nevelson was clearly conscious of this objective and this is the underlying profundity. She says, "There is in every human being a desire for order. But the artist doesn't have it ready made. That is the search."

Alvy's search must keep one foot in the fields of the familiar. From her abstract arrangements emerge signs for visible things and her architectural artifacts preserve a representational quality. Her arrangements are directed, and directing, for a desired response to specific "stories." She does not reorder so much as retell—in her own way.

SUPPORTERS TURNED OUT in full force Sunday for the Carmel Public Library Foundation's Donor Salute at Harrison Memorial Library. President Ed Jordan had good news for the gathering. The 1992 annual campaign goal exceeded its goal of $55,000 and the second major gift was made to the foundation's endowment. Dr. Herb and Mrs. Berman, trustees for the Barnet Segal Foundation, have committed to a $300,000 endowment gift over a three-year period starting in April, 1993. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

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FUN-BY-THE-SEA
FOR ALL AGES

By Mike Gorczyca.

Welcome back to Fun-by-the-Sea. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy New Year! Here's what's happening in the Carmel-by-the-Sea Recreation Department, located at Vista Lobos on Torres Street between 3rd and 4th Ave. in Carmel. For more information about any of the following events, please call us at 626-1255.

CREATIVE DANCE This program will introduce the child to dance movement, rhythm patters, posture and coordination skills will be stressed. Children will use their imagination through creative game

WINNERS OF THE DANCE Contest at the Carmel Recreation Department's Christmas Party Dec. 18 were Malia Durand and Jennifer Updyke.

playing. Age: 3 to 5 years; Days: Tuesdays starting January 19 to February 16, 1993; Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; Fee: $20.00 per child.

ADULT BEGINNING TAP DANCE Tap Dance is a fun and creative way to get some exercise. In this class you will learn the basic steps of tap and combine them in easy combinations. The hour and one half class will begin with a brief warm up, followed by skill building exercises, moving across the floor and ending with combinations. The class is designed for people who have never done tap before, but would be useful for those with up to one year of experience. If you do not have tap shoes, wear oxford-type leather soled shoes or smooth soled tennis shoes to the class. The class runs on Tuesdays starting January 26 through March 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Carmel Recreation Department. Taught by Dawn Sare. Must pre-register.

CO-ED SOCKO LEAGUE (SOFTBALL) This program has been designed with FUN AND RECREATION in mind for all participants. The first ten (10) teams to register for the program and complete all required documentation shall be entitled to participate. The season will be divided into halves. The winner of each half will compete at the end of the season in a best-of-three game playoff. The league starts March 7, teams must pre-register by February 22. For more information call 626-1255.

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THE CLUBHOUSE The clubhouse, a drop-in Center for 9 to 11 years old is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. It is supervised by Recreation Department staff and volunteer students from Carmel High School.

The Clubhouse will include a limited snack bar, video games, stereo, television with VCR, ping pong, foosball table, table pool, board games and much much more... From 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, the Clubhouse will have a **QUIET TIME** for the members to do their homework (assistance available), or other quiet time activities. From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the Clubhouse will offer fun activities for those members that would like to participate. (Contests, Movies, Tournaments, Bingo, Parties and more!) All children will be supervised. Members' ideas will be encouraged and considered to provide other future activities.

A $20.00 monthly membership fee due on or before the 7th of each month, will be charged to help offset recurring expenses. All members and parents **MUST** complete a Clubhouse registration form. Members have to sign-in and when leaving, sign-out giving a destination.

The Clubhouse is located at the Recreation Department on Torres Street between 3rd and 4th Ave. in Carmel. Bus number 6 (Arts Bus) leaves Carmel River School and drops children off on the corner of 4th Ave. and Junipero street.

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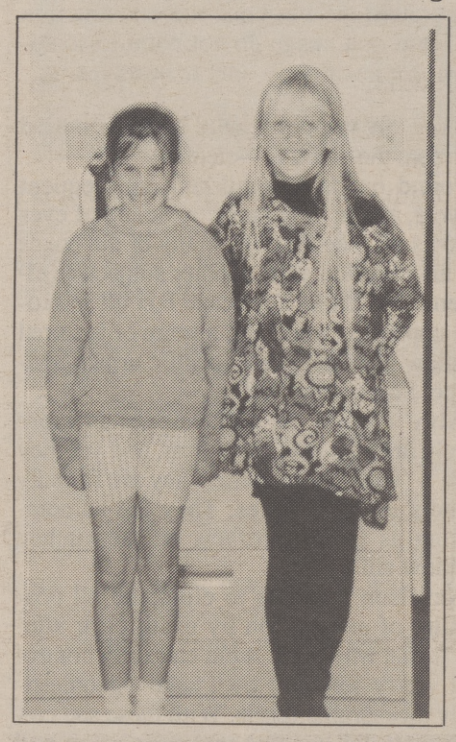

KINGSLEY LERNER AND AUTUMN Miller won the Limbo Conterst at the Carmel Recreation Clubhouse Christmas Party Dec. 18.

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Tires were slashed on cars parked on Rio Vista, Outlook Drive, Hacienda Place, Segunda and Tolando Trail.

In one instance, the perpetrators managed to open an electric wrought iron gate and in another, walked more than 100 feet up a cul-de-sac to where cars were parked.

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Carmel Valley

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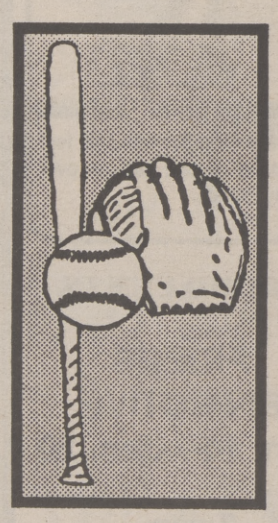

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Father McSweeney Retires After Nearly 20 Years in Village

By Carolyn Rice

"The strength of a church is based to a great extent on the strength of the family," according to Father John McSweeney who has just retired after nearly 20 years of service with Our Lady Mt. Carmel Church in Carmel Valley Village.

When asked what is the hardest thing facing churches today, McSweeney responded in his Irish brogue, "application of moral issues to the lives of the people." Some issues can be controversial, he said. "Yet over the years, the Gospel has stayed just the same. It has not changed."

McSweeney said he admires the tremendous faith of the people in his congregation. "I hope I've helped them in their journey of faith." To him there's no question that people who have a strong Christian faith are helped tremendously through life's difficulties. "I think there's no other way to go really," he said. "I have witnessed that."

The white-haired McSweeney refused to give his age. "Vanities of vanities," he chuckled. But he clearly was not seeking publicity on his retirement. The *Sun* had to persuade him through several telephone calls to sit still for this intertview. He came to the United States in 1948 to begin his career.

McSweeney grew up in a rural setting in Cork, Ireland, in a family with eight children. He said he has a special concern for young people today. "The key is a good home life," he said. "The home is almost like a little church because it is a community." McSweeney said with the mass communication, no young person today grows up in isolation, and no matter where they live, they face many pressures.

He completed his duties Friday by conducting a funeral mass. When he asked if was a sad way for him to end his career, he said no. "That's part of life," he said, matter of factly.

Father Scott Cornelius, formerly with Our Lady of Refuge Church in Castroville, took over pastoral duties in the Village church Sunday.

McSweeney came to the Village from Soledad in the fall of 1974. The church had just been built although the parish had existed since 1963. Sitting in its sanctuary, McSweeney admired its modern, simple architecture. "I think it has a warm, friendly feeling," he said.

He had been in Soledad since 1969 and had previous churches in Tres Pinos from 1961-69 and Taft for three years prior to that. No stranger to the peninsula, McSweeney was a Carmel Mission priest from 1956-59. Before that he had worked at churches in Visalia and Tulare.

"This has been the longest tenure. This is the place that will hold lasting memories," he said of his church in the Village. "I felt very much at home here. I considered myself very fortunate. I enjoyed working with the people here."

McSweeney described the congregation of about 200 members as "very accepting, very understanding." Some were members at the church when he came, but a number have come from out of the state recently.

He has plans for his retirement. "I would like to study," he said. "Sometimes I think of Spanish. These things come to me." Another plan is to visit his sister, a nun and registered nurse, who belongs to a French order of nuns and works in a prenatal clinic in Piura, Peru. One of McSweeney's brothers also became a priest.

McSweeney studied for the priesthood at All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland. The intent of the college was to send priests to English speaking countries throughout the world, he said. "Twas a large class." His classmates became priests in the United States, England, Scotland, Australia and South Africa, he said.

FATHER JOHN MC SWEENEY has retired as priest at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. He has served in that Carmel Valley church since 1976. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Mc Sweeney's parishioners honored him with a party at Robles del Rio Lodge Dec. 7. About 200 attended the party where the priest was roasted and toasted by other priests and members of his church, according to Marie Seliskar, a member of the church who organized the celebration.

Mc Sweeney has moved to Villa Serra in Salinas for his retirment. He said he will miss the people the most and then the beauty of the Carmel Valley countryside. He plans to be on call to help out in area churches where needed.

Mc Sweeney said he appreciates all that people have given back to him. "People give back to you for the little things you do," he said. "They stop you and say the nicest things."

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
Case No. M25408
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CCP1277 FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Filed December 10, 1992
Date: January 29, 1993
Time: 9:30 am

KARINA SHERISSE MUNOZ has petitioned to change her name to KARINA SHERISSE LEDBETTER.

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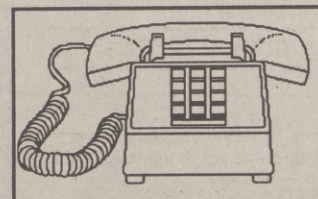

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In MTAL Play

Alisal Tops Padres; Girls Win Two

Carmel's furious fourth-quarter rally fell just short Tuesday night as Alisal hung on to beat the Padre boys basketball team 47-45 in a key Mission Trail Athletic League game.

Point guard R. J. Powell led the comeback, hitting three-pointers from the outside. Alisal held a 36-22 lead going into the fourth quarter, and Powell's potential game-winning three-point shot with three seconds left circled the rim and fell out.

Powell ended with 15 for the game as Carmel outscored Alisal 23-11 in the fourth quarter. Nate Stiles had 14 points for the Padres and Dean Wilson added 8. The Padres are now 1-1 in league play and 13-3 overall.

The Carmel junior varsity beat the Trojans 61-56. Dustin Nagai and John Geisler both had 17 points. The Carmel freshmen lost 60-45.

On Friday, Powell hit a last second 15-foot jump shot to give the Padres a 56-54 win over a touring team from Australia. Stiles led the scoring with 18 and Powell knocked in 15.

Carmel's girls basketball team walloped Alisal 54-33 Tuesday night in a league game at home. Doreen Evans and Jenn Rosenthal each scored 13 points, boosting the Padres to a 2-1 league mark.

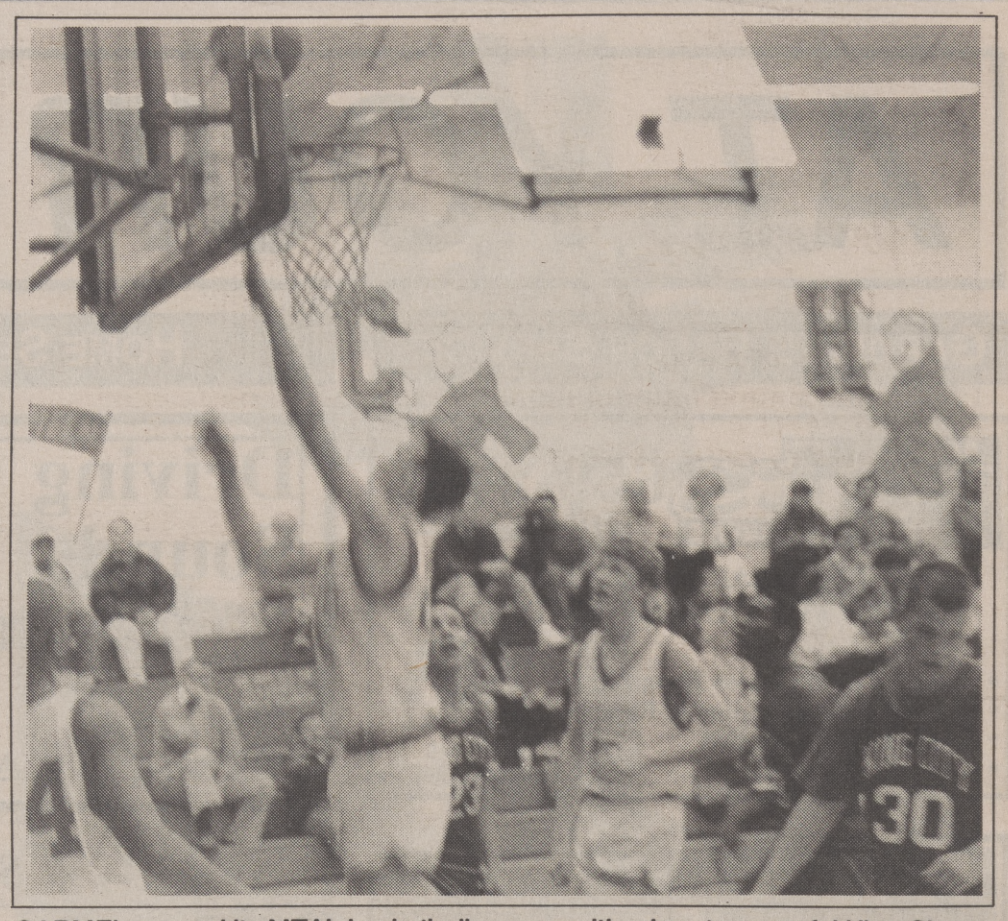
On Friday, the Padres tromped Santa Catalina 54-40. Evens had 18 points and Erin Kraft 15.

The Carmel girls travel to Gonzales Friday night, and the boys will host Gonzales at home at 7 p.m.

Valley Little League Volunteers Sought

Volunteers willing to help conduct the 1993 Carmel Valley Little League season are urged to attend a board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Little League field, said President Michael Keresey.

"We have a number of openings in board positions, and we need people willing to fill them if we are to have another successful season," he said. Residents seeking additional information about the posts can reach him at 659-3932 in the evenings or 372-7289 during working hours, Keresey said.



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